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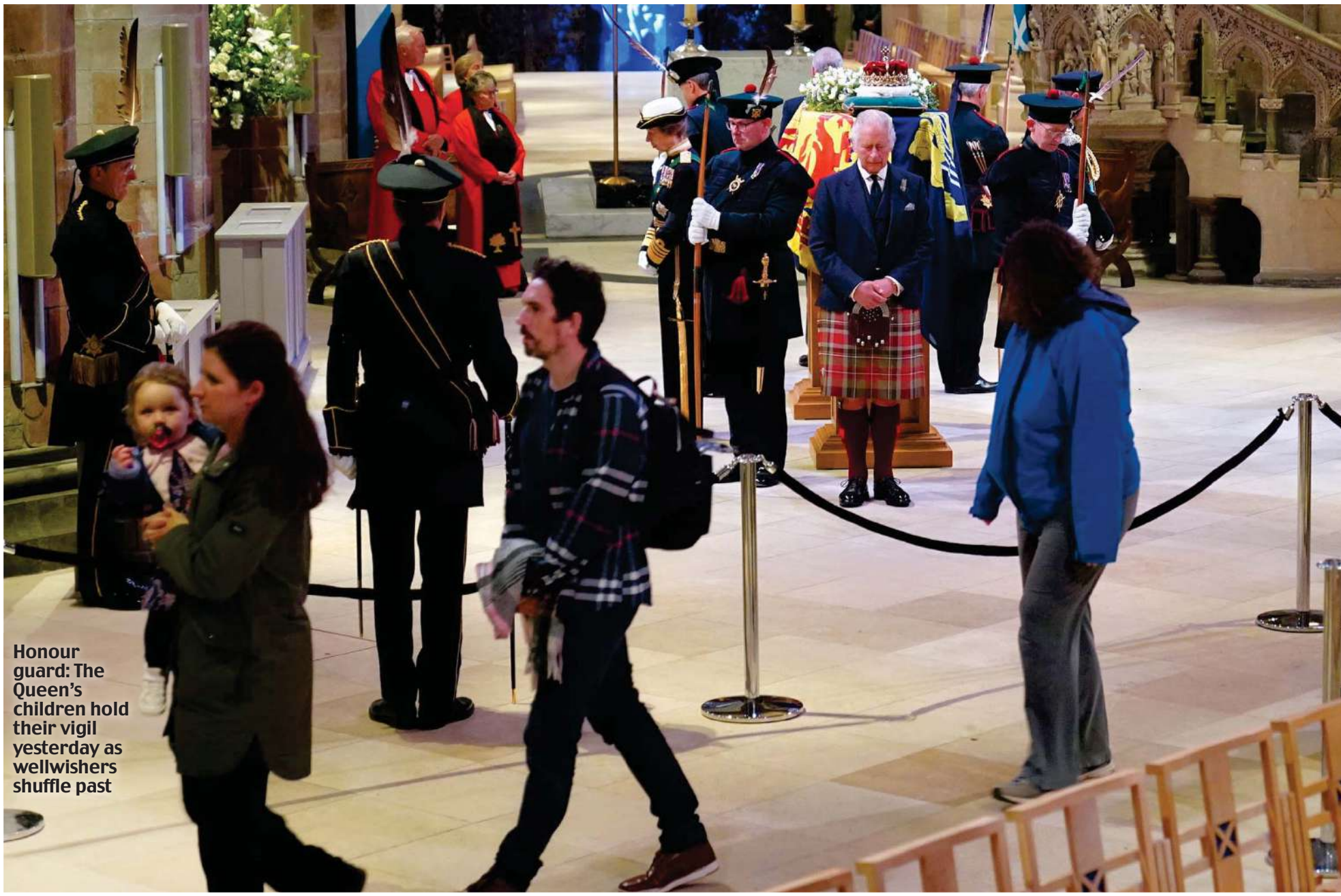
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King leads a nation in mourning

Silent vigil for a Queen ... and a mother

Solemn duty: Head bowed, King Charles III stands in silence as he guards his mother's coffin in the Vigil of the Princes at St Giles' Cathedral in Edinburgh yesterday. On top of the coffin is the Crown of Scotland, oldest of all the royal crowns. SEE PAGES 2 TO 25

As the public filed past, they



Honour guard: The Queen's children hold their vigil yesterday as wellwishers shuffle past



by ROBERT HARDMAN

THE Sovereign – who bows to no one – drops his head deep in love and reverence for his mother.

A family grieves like any other – except that they are having to gather their thoughts in the gaze of the whole world.

And one of the greatest monarchs in our thousand-year history lies at rest beneath the oldest crown in the kingdom – the Crown of Scotland.

This was the extraordinary scene last night as all four of the Queen's children came to stand vigil over her coffin in the spiritual heart of her Scottish capital.

As twilight fell and St Giles' Cathedral glowed in the candlelight, a kilted King Charles III led his sister and brothers to the chancel of the great sandstone 'High Kirk' where Her Majesty lay on a catafalque of Scottish oak.

There, they each took up a position at a corner of the coffin, bowed their heads and stood on sentry duty for almost 15 minutes.

Behind them, members of the public silently filed past as they paid their respects, not wanting to disturb what was both a sacred and a private moment.



Sombre: Prince Andrew stands with his eyes firmly closed



Sorrow: Prince Edward, the Queen's youngest child

Here was a King paying homage to a Queen, a son honouring a mother and a man leading an entire nation in sorrow.

This royal tradition, once an all-male affair, had never previously included a Princess. But then Anne is no ordinary Princess.

It has long been customary that when a great national hero lies in state, guards stand vigil by the coffin, rotating in watches at regular intervals.

After the death of George V, his sons stepped in on the night of January 27, 1936. There was no place for Princess Mary in those days. Long-remembered as the Vigil of the Princes, the same family tribute was repeated in honour of Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother in 2002. On that occasion, her four grandsons – Princes Charles, Andrew and Edward plus Viscount Linley – stood guard at Westminster Hall.

Last night, the Princess Royal looked every inch the part as she joined her brothers for the wordless ceremony. Members of the public had been queuing since first light to gain entry to the cathedral to pay their respects. There was no possibility of booking an entry time. You just had to take your chances and be thankful if you managed to get in. Even luckier were those people who shuffled their way around the block and through the cathedral to bow their heads only to spot four very recognisable faces standing guard. There could be no dawdling, though. With people lining up to come here all through the night and up until this afternoon, mourners were told to keep moving, not bring bags or flowers and – very firmly – not to take snaps.

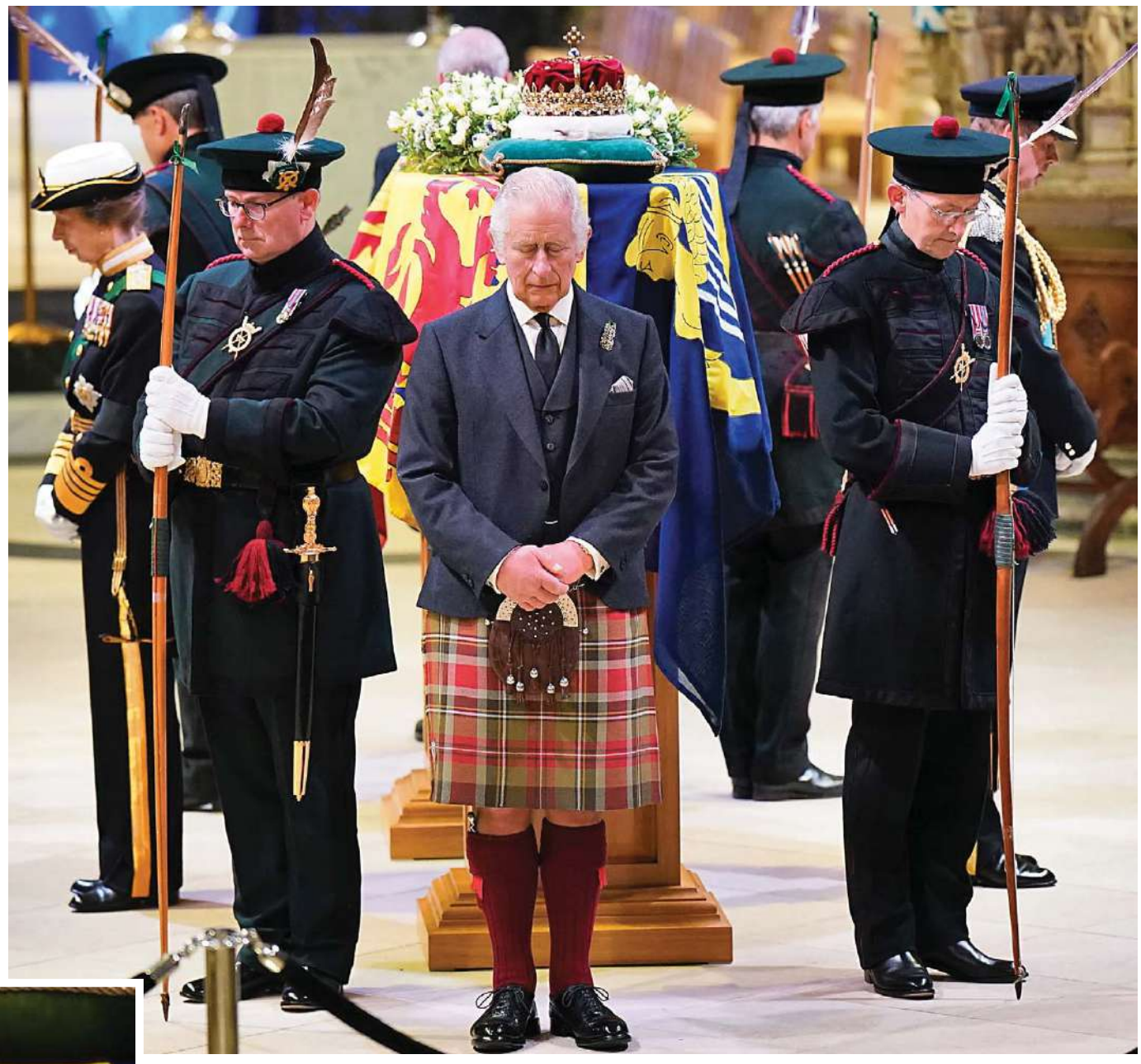
Looking on were the Queen Consort, proudly wearing the thistle brooch given to her by the late Queen, and the Countess of Forfar (the Wessexes become the Forfars when north of the border).

The four siblings had been here earlier in

came face to face with royalty



Pictures: JANE BARLOW/PA WIRE



Vigil: Alone with his thoughts, the King is flanked by two men from the Royal Company of Archers



A monarch's duty: Charles III shows the emotional strain



Lost in thought: Anne, Princess Royal, yesterday

William and Kate 'to tour Australia'

THE new Prince and Princess of Wales could tour Australia early next year – and may even take their children.

It is understood the Palace is looking at plans for Royal Family members to travel to as many realms – countries where King Charles III is also head of state – and leading Commonwealth nations as possible next year. They would formally accept condolences on the death of the Queen.

William and Kate toured Australia in 2014 with a baby Prince George.

It came as New Zealand prime minister Jacinda Ardern said the country will not look to become a republic in the wake of the Queen's death.

the day after escorting their mother from the Palace of Holyroodhouse for the service of thanksgiving. Flanked by the Royal Regiment of Scotland and the Royal Company of Archers, they processed at a steady pace up the hill past the largest crowds anyone could recall here.

Ten or even 20 deep they pressed against the police barriers. It all depended how wide the pavement was at any given point. I tried to make my way a few yards along the Royal Mile squeezing behind the throng two hours before the start. I had to give up and find a back route.

One or two people clapped, one or two shouted 'God save the Queen' as the coffin. One man screamed something at the Duke of York (and was later floored by angry onlookers). Another was arrested after a largely incomprehensible outburst, prompted not by republican sentiment it turned out but by an Australian television crew blocking his view.

The most striking aspect of the royal procession was the choice of royal uniform – or, rather, lack of it in the case of the Duke of York. The Palace made it clear that only 'working members' of the family would be in military dress. So, the King was in his field marshal's ceremonial uniform, the Princess Royal was dressed as an Admiral of the Royal Navy and the Earl of Forfar was dressed as the Honorary Royal Colonel of the Wessex Yeomanry.

Though he was the only one to have fought for his country, the Duke of York – or Earl of Inverness as he becomes in Scotland – was wearing morning dress. He was wearing his military medals but equally painful for him will have been the fact he could not wear the regalia of the Orders of the Garter and the Thistle, like his siblings. Such is the penance he must continue to pay for his past association with the monster Jeffrey Epstein.

Inside the cathedral, the Queen's coffin was borne through the congregation by soldiers from the Royal Regiment of Scotland and placed on the catafalque.

Every strand of Scottish public life had been waiting here for the best of an hour, along with the new prime minister Liz Truss. She was seated next to the First Minister, Nicola Sturgeon. The two women had a cordial handshake.

Here were politicians past and present (former prime minister Gordon Brown and former Liberal Democrat leader Lord Steele among them), charity workers, royal chums,

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Lament: Piper from Balmoral starts the procession



Ceremony: Royal Regiment of Scotland soldiers carry the coffin from the Palace of Holyroodhouse into the hearse

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Salvation Army workers and medics. Here, too, were the 'Honours of Scotland'. The Scottish Crown Jewels may not boast the carat count of the famous treasures we see in the Tower of London. But they are older than the English collection (which is a replacement set for everything flogged off during the English Civil War).

The Hereditary Bearer of the Crown of Scotland, the Duke of Hamilton, processed in with a crown first made for King James IV of Scotland. It was his duty to place the Crown on the coffin. To ensure this was done with the appropriate dignity, a set of steps was brought forth for the 44-year-old duke.

Here, too, were other seldom-seen holders of precisely the sort of ancient, high-born offices which make Scottish nationalists and socialists grind their teeth. So we saw the Hereditary Bearer of the Royal Banner of Scotland (the Earl of Dundee) bearing his standard alongside the Saltire held by the Hereditary Bearer of the National Flag of Scotland (the Earl of Lauderdale).

Afternoon sunshine beamed through the west windows of the cathedral. All was airy and light within. We were repeatedly reminded that the Queen loved being a member of two churches – the CofE down south and the Church of Scotland here. And the subtle differences added to the unique atmosphere of the occasion. This might be a cathedral but it has no bishop.

Welcoming us all, the Minister of St Giles', the Rev Calum MacLeod, observed: 'Here John Knox confronted Mary Queen of Scots, here Oliver Cromwell preached.' I don't think we'll be hearing his name mentioned at Westminster Abbey next week.

In his homily, the Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, Dr Iain Greenshields, likened the Queen to an Old Testament sovereign: 'Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth began her reign, like King Solomon, by asking for wisdom, something that she demonstrated in large measure.'

He, too, reminded us how she liked different services in different places: 'The Supreme Governor of the Church of England, she worshipped in the Church of Scotland when north of the border. She perceived little difficulty in belonging to two churches and appreciating the strength of each.'

There was a beautiful Gaelic version of Psalm 118, accompanied by a harp. However, the real throat-gulper was when we rose to sing The Lord's My Shepherd set to music usually known as Crimond, after the Aberdeenshire village where it was composed. Princess Elizabeth chose it for her wedding in 1947. She loved it for evermore.

Not since the Union of the Crowns in 1603, surely, have we seen such a quintessentially Caledonian succession as this one. King Charles III is the first monarch in four centuries to accede to the throne on Scottish soil. Scotland has given his mother the most magnificent send-off. It now passes the baton to London.

Tonight, Her late Majesty will be carried past her Scottish subjects for the last time en route to Edinburgh Airport (with the Princess Royal at her side). She will then return to Buckingham Palace ahead of her funeral. 'May flights of angels sing thee to thy rest,' as the King put it so beautifully last week.

Perhaps one or two will be playing the pipes as well.

Watch Robert's moving video tribute

Prince Andrew is targeted by a protester



Held: Alleged heckler is arrested

THERE was a scuffle in the crowd yesterday as Prince Andrew was heckled during the procession.

A protester shouted 'Andrew, you're a sick old man' at the Duke of York, who was forced to step back from royal duties after paying millions in an out-of-court settlement to Virginia Roberts, who had accused him of sexual abuse.

He did not admit any liability and vehemently denied her claims.

Furious mourners yanked the 22-year-old heckler backwards yesterday, dragging him to the ground and shoving him out of the dense crowd lining the street before he was led away by police officers.

Police Scotland said he was arrested over 'a breach of the peace'.

Andrew did not stop as he was walking behind the Queen's coffin.

In another incident, a woman with signs saying 'Abolish the Monarchy' and 'Not My King' outside Parliament as the King addressed MPs was escorted away by police.



Heavenly shaft of light shines on Queen's coffin

Illuminated procession: A shaft of sunlight glints off the hearse carrying the Queen as



Military escort: King Charles III, the Princess Royal, the Duke of York, the Earl of Wessex and Vice Admiral Sir Tim Laurence walk behind the coffin as it leaves Holyroodhouse



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the solemn cortege makes its way along the Royal Mile towards St Giles' Cathedral in Edinburgh yesterday, watched by thousands of wellwishers in the Old Town

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Shoulder to shoulder,

Charles leads poignant procession as Scotland turns out in force to say a final farewell to Queen



Packed streets: The procession makes its way through Edinburgh



Stoic: The Queen's children, from left, King Charles, Princess Anne, Prince Andrew and Prince Edward



by INDERDEEP BAINS

STOICALLY marching shoulder to shoulder, the Queen's four children were united in grief yesterday as they walked in a poignant procession behind their beloved mother's coffin.

Appearing side by side in age order, the siblings were led by King Charles III, as Scotland gathered to bid its final farewell to the Queen.

Alongside him was the Princess Royal, followed by Prince Andrew and Prince Edward.

The Duke of York was the only one of the children who wasn't in military attire for the historic parade – having been stripped of his titles amid sexual assault allegations earlier this year, which he strenuously denied.

Despite the controversy, Prince Andrew yesterday played a key public role in one of the major ceremonial events to mark his mother's death. Palace sources said it was 'out of the question' for the disgraced duke to be excluded.

A solemn silence fell over Edinburgh's most famous thoroughfare as the newly appointed King led his three siblings in the poignant march. Thousands gathered along the cobbled Royal Mile – some for many hours.

They perched on walls, peered from windows, held their mobile phones aloft and craned their necks over the thick crowds to catch a glimpse of the historic moment.

The Queen's coffin was departing the Palace of Holyroodhouse, her official residence in Scotland, for the final time to travel to St Giles' Cathedral for a thanksgiving service in her honour.

Draped in the royal standard and adorned with a wreath, the coffin was carried out of the palace as bagpipes were played and King Charles watched on in silence. The hearse conveying Her Majesty was flanked by the Royal Company of Archers, as mounted police in ceremonial dress rode ahead.

The crowd stood several rows deep in places, with the police forced to close off roads and officers told to turn away the steady flow of visitors.

Despite the city's old town being filled to capacity, a hushed quiet enveloped the Royal Mile as the hearse and procession emerged from the forecourt of the palace.

Some momentarily applauded as the Queen embarked on the familiar route to the cathedral where her coffin was to lay in state overnight before returning to London.

'A constant in all our lives'

The silence was occasionally pierced by the shout of 'God bless the Queen' and the sound of a 21-gun salute at Edinburgh Castle in the distance.

The solemn marchers, their faces drawn but focused, remained unflinching – even when a heckler shouted insults at Prince Andrew.

Few will forget the sight of the procession as it made its way along the winding street and through the heart of Edinburgh.

As they approached the cathedral, the Queen's children were met with applause before silence once again resumed as the coffin was carried inside.

The choir at the cathedral sang Thou Wilt Keep Him in Perfect Peace as the Queen's coffin was brought in, with her children closely following behind.

The crown of Scotland – part of the oldest surviving royal regalia in the UK – was placed on top of the coffin by the Duke of Hamilton.

Scotland's First Minister Nicola Sturgeon and other politicians joined members of the Royal Family for the service of thanksgiving which was played on speakers for the crowds outside.

Reverend Calum MacLeod paid tribute to the UK's longest-reigning monarch, whose 'love for Scotland was legendary'.

Miss Sturgeon gave a reading from Ecclesiastes 3 before bowing her head towards the coffin.

Giving the homily, the Rt Rev Dr Iain Greenshields, moderator of the general assembly of the Church of Scotland, told the congregation: 'Most of us cannot recall a time when she was not our monarch.

'Committed to the role she assumed in 1952 upon the death of her beloved father, she has been a constant in all of our lives for over 70 years.' He said that those who were lucky enough to be in her company always felt they were being listened to 'carefully and attentively and with compassion'.

Mourners will be allowed to file past the coffin until 3pm today before it is flown back to England this evening.

Oak coffin made more than 30 years ago

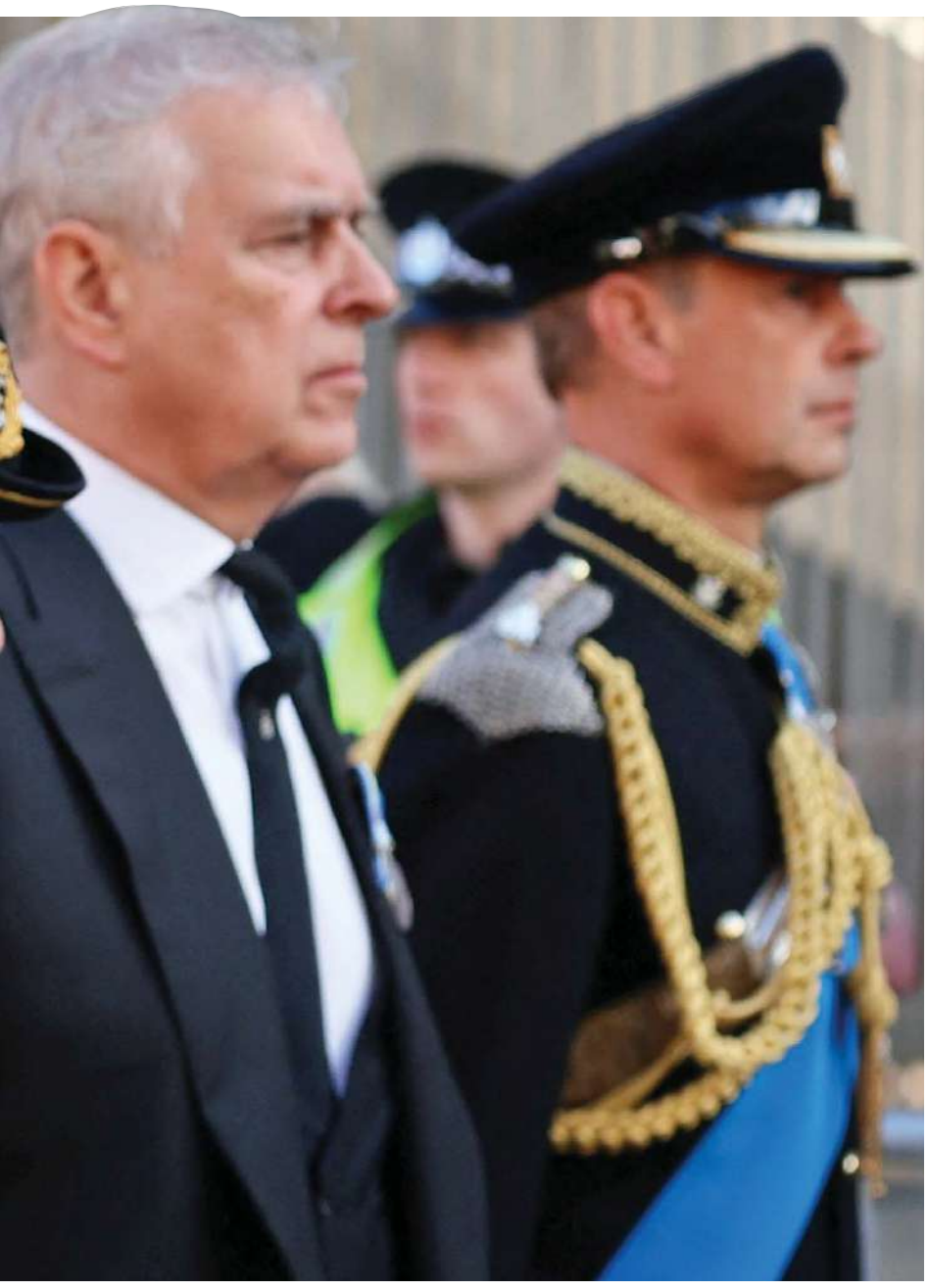
THE Queen's coffin was made from English oak more than 30 years ago in preparation for her funeral.

The casket has special fittings to allow pieces from the Crown Jewels to be placed on it and is also lined with lead – which makes it so heavy eight military bearers are needed to carry it.

But it was created so long ago that no one at the Royal Family's undertaker, Leverton and Sons, knows exactly who made it. The family firm in Camden, north London, inherited the Queen's coffin from the previous royal funeral directors, JH Kenyon, in 1991 along with the casket used for the Duke of Edinburgh. They were made far in advance because of the time it takes to find materials.

Although the firm says it is English oak – a wood that is now difficult to source – staff cannot be certain. Funeral director Andrew Leverton told The Times: 'I don't think we could use English oak for a coffin now. It would be too expensive.'

four grieving siblings





Thanksgiving service: The Queen's coffin arrives at the cathedral yesterday

She was bright and focused in our last meeting, reflects Boris

By **Harriet Line**
Chief Political Correspondent

BORIS Johnson has said the Queen was 'bright' with 'extraordinary' focus in their final meeting just two days before her death.

Mr Johnson met the Queen in Balmoral to formally resign as prime minister to make way for Liz Truss on September 6.

In an interview with the BBC last night the former prime minister said: 'The last audience I had with her – one of the reasons that it was so shocking... to hear about her death was because in that audience she had been absolutely on it – just two days before her death.'

He added: 'She was actively focused on geopolitics, on UK politics, quoting statesmen from the 1950s. It was quite extraordinary.'

Asked if the Queen seemed well, Mr Johnson hesitated and replied: 'She seemed very bright, very focused.

'Look, she was clearly not well and I think that was the thing that I found so moving when I heard about her death two days later – I just thought how incredible that her sense of duty had kept her going in the way that it had.

'Given how ill she obviously was, how amazing that she should be so bright and so focused – so it was a pretty emotional time.' Mr Johnson said he felt 'this slightly inexplicable excess of emotion' when he heard that the Queen had died.



Emotional: Boris Johnson

'Speaking entirely personally, for me it was a colossal thing,' he told the BBC.

The day after holding audiences with Mr Johnson and Miss Truss, the Queen postponed a virtual Privy Council after doctors ordered her to rest after her 'full day'.

'She was quoting 1950s statesmen'

Mr Johnson was also asked during the interview if he was ever too busy to attend his weekly audience with the Queen. But he replied: 'No, you must be joking,' and went on to describe his regular meetings with her as 'a fantastic break from everything else' and 'a wonderful moment of tranquillity'.

He said 'just about everything under the sun' was discussed at the audiences, but that he never spoke about Partygate.

'Because of her great sense of constitutional function she never got into that sort of conversation,' Mr Johnson said.

'She was really absolutely focused on what she saw as the important issues. It's a very trusting environment, the audience with Her Majesty. So that never came up.'

The ex-PM was also asked whether Charles would be different as King to the Queen.

'I don't know that he will necessarily will be different in a fundamental way,' Mr Johnson said.

He described the succession as 'absolutely flawless'.

Mr Johnson also used the interview to repeat his call for the late Queen to be known as 'Elizabeth the Great' because of the 'sweep of progress' over the past 70 years.

'That's why I think she should be Elizabeth the Great, by the way, because look at what happened to this country in her reign,' he said.

'The immeasurable advances in prosperity and opportunity and longevity, whatever your metric is.'

The Queen's death was announced at 6.30pm on Thursday, but Buckingham Palace gave no cause – saying only that she 'died peacefully at Balmoral'.

Foolhardy bid to snatch a picture

A MAN desperate for a photo of the new monarch caused a security alert when he ran in front of the King's state convoy yesterday.

Armed police leapt out of moving vehicles ready to tackle the man after he darted into the road.

But the pedestrian, circled, who jogged next to the King's Rolls-Royce on the pavement before dashing on to the A40 in west London, was allowed to walk free seconds after the incident. A Met Police spokesman declined to comment, but it's thought no arrests were made.





Moist-eyed: Sophie Wessex on her way to cathedral



25 years on from Diana, the rituals of royal death remain the same...



JAN MOIR
View from the sofa

ANOTHER death in the House of Windsor, another long walk in public behind the flag-draped coffin of a much-loved mother, another sad day in the history of this family.

Yesterday, the Queen's four children walked through Edinburgh behind the hearse carrying their beloved Mama on one of her last journeys.

And as they slow-marched through the silent streets of the Scottish capital, it brought to mind another September funeral a long time ago.

The deaths of Elizabeth II and Princess Diana may be a quarter-century apart, but many watching this melancholy progression were reminded that the rituals of royal death remain the same.

On that morning in 1997, it was the Windsor men who walked through London behind Diana's coffin. Many years later, Prince Harry would claim that the ordeal damaged him for life.

He has been vocal with his criticism that no child should have been asked to do what he did, to have his 'grief observed by thousands of people.'

He was just 12 years old at the time, and looked tiny and vulnerable in his grown-up lounge suit. Perhaps he is right – and we certainly live in more enlightened times when it comes to the provision of mental health safeguards for all ages.

Yet different standards are demanded of royal mourners. If grief is the price we pay for love, as the Queen once famously said, then public exposure at times of peak personal grief is an unfortunate part of the royal bargain.

Unlike the little prince, Charles, Anne, Andrew and Edward may have age and wisdom on their side, but the ordeal must have been no less painful.

As the procession wound through the medieval heart of the city, from the palace of Holyrood up the cobbled hill to the cathedral of St Giles, the four of them marched in lockstep behind the cortege, their gazes trained forward like gundogs, a certain grim resolution in every difficult step.

THERE was Charles staunchly shuffling onwards, his hand on his ceremonial sword; Anne rinsed out by grief and suddenly looking older; Edward pale and hollowed-eyed.

The three of them were in military uniform; baled up in gold braid and ribbons like gift-wrapped emissaries from the army of late-life orphans; each of them sorrowing under their gilt-edged caps and complicated epaulettes.

Prince Andrew, the only one of the quartet to have actually served on active duty in a war, was not in uniform. 'That is because he is no longer a working royal,' whispered James Naughtie, who was providing the live narration for Scotland: A Service For HM The Queen (BBC1). We all know that is true and also not true, but it was a nice bit of treacled tact from a broadcaster not always known for his diplomacy.

Undaunted, burly Andrew marched onwards past the whisky bars and the fudge shops of the Royal Mile, his bare head and plain clothes a mark of disgrace and a symbol of the riven relationship with his family and the narrowing of his life as a royal.

Did he deserve such a public walk of shame? It is hard to imagine it is what his mother would have wanted.

Earlier in the programme there had been interviews with ordinary Scots who had met the Queen. It was absolutely lovely.

There was a man called Hector, an engineer on the Forth Road Bridge. A secretary who was invited to the opening of the bridge just because she was a local. And those who remembered the Queen coming to Dunblane in the aftermath of the school shooting tragedy. Someone spoke of HM's ability to 'personify a nation's feelings' in a way that represent us all.

'We all felt uplifted,' said another contributor.

Scotland did not expect to have a starring role in the death of the Queen, but the country looked beautiful when her cortege first began the long journey to London, when it moved from the Highlands of Balmoral to the lowlands over the weekend.

Now it was Edinburgh's turn to put on a show, and the city did not disappoint. On this sunny but saddest of September days, a stiff breeze blowing in from the River Forth ruffled the crimson cassocks of the assembled clergy, fluttered the eagle feathers tucked into the Balmoral caps of the Royal Company of Archers and rippled across the bearskins of the Queen's Guard.

YESTERDAY'S entire procession was poignant but beautiful; the swinging sporrans, the muffled drums, the pageantry played out against the medieval architecture of the Old Town.

The only thing that spoiled it was James Naughtie, who noted the silence and solemnity of the crowds gathered on the Royal Mile, but just wouldn't stop talking.

He chuntered on about John Knox and delivered a history lesson to viewers who were witnessing history for themselves. We didn't need him going on about the 'difficult and bloody upheavals of the 16th and 17th centuries that meant so much to the Queen'.

What? We were also informed that St Giles was a 'centrifugal building,' directed to note 'the unicorn that sits atop the Mercat Cross' and even told what the gathered crowds were thinking.

'They are touched by the knowledge this is a sight they won't see again,' he pronounced, rather pompously. Were they?

How could he have known? Off with his microphone, if not his head.

Solemnity: Senior royals watch as the Crown of Scotland is placed on the coffin at Edinburgh's St Giles cathedral



Oldest of the royal crowns with 42 gems and 68 pearls

THE Crown of Scotland (left) placed on the Queen's coffin while it was lying in rest in Edinburgh, is the oldest part of the royal regalia.

Solid gold and weighing 3lb 10oz (1.64kg), it was made in 1540 from an earlier version which was melted down and refashioned with additional Scottish gold mined in Lanarkshire.

It was commissioned by James V of Scotland and first worn in 1540 at the coronation of his second wife, Mary of Guise, as queen consort. It is decorated with 22 gemstones and 20 precious stones and 68 Scottish pearls.

The crown is the centrepiece of the Honours of Scotland, which are the oldest crown jewels in Britain and among the oldest in Europe. It has been used in ceremonies to represent the sovereign's presence.

It will return to display at Edinburgh Castle when the Queen's coffin is moved to London today.

Half of Britons cried over news of death

ALMOST half of Britons have shed a tear over the death of Her Majesty, a survey suggests.

It found 55 per cent of women admitted welling up compared with 32 per cent of men. The YouGov poll, which spoke to 3,282 adults, said that 44 per cent overall had cried.

Women over 65 were most likely to have done so.

Those in the South cried the most (48 per cent), compared with 46 per cent in the Midlands and Wales and 43 per cent in the North. And those who voted Labour in 2019 were less likely to say they had shed a tear (37 per cent) compared with 2019 Conservative voters (59 per cent).

Half of Britons (52 per cent) believe it was right to cancel sporting and cultural events such as the Last Night of the Proms in a mark of respect while there was overwhelmingly support for having a Bank Holiday for the Queen's funeral on Monday with almost nine in ten (86 per cent) saying that this was a good idea.

Millions may miss out in state as queues set to



by SAM GREENHILL

MOURNERS face a 30-hour queue to file past the Queen's coffin – prompting fears thousands will miss the chance to pay their respects.

A million people could descend on the Palace of Westminster during the four-and-a-half day period of Her Majesty's lying in state.

Members of the public will be able to walk around her coffin in Westminster Hall – but the line could stretch back an incredible five miles.

Families were warned to consider if children would be able to stand in a queue for such a long time before deciding whether to bring them to take part in the historic scene.

Officials are preparing for 3,000 people an hour to file past the coffin, meaning about 328,000 in total over the 109 hours between tomorrow and Monday. But this could be a fraction of the numbers travelling to London hoping to pay their respects, meaning large numbers of mourners could be disappointed.



'I'm off for 30 hours to pay my respects to the Queen – will you keep my place in the queue?'

The Government also risks a backlash after it emerged MPs and Parliamentary staff will get priority for themselves and a guest.

The unprecedented demand has sparked a huge logistical operation, with Whitehall insiders fearing that London could actually become 'full' for the first time. The Government has urged people to work from home if they can.

Yesterday Operation Feather – the exercise for managing the queues – was under way with portable toilets and water stations being set up along the route.

The Culture Secretary, Michelle Donelan, told MPs yesterday: 'Queues could be up to 30 hours as we are obviously expecting and planning for unprecedented demand.'

It means someone who started queuing tomorrow evening may not get to the front of the queue until Friday morning. And as the line will, in theory, be continuously moving – albeit at snail's pace – it will not be possible for well-wishers to sit down for longer than a few moments at a time, or sleep.

Folding chairs and camping equipment are banned, the Government said. Official advice states: 'You will need to stand for many hours, possibly overnight, with very little opportunity to sit down, as the queue will keep moving. Please consider this before you decide to attend or bring children with you.'

The Queen's coffin will borne by gun carriage from Buckingham Palace on Wednesday afternoon. Members of the public will be admitted day and night, from 5pm on Wednesday until 6.30am on day of the Queen's state funeral, Monday September 19. There is expected to be airport-style security, complete with bag checks and metal detectors, in the car park of the House of Lords in front of Parliament.

Only small bags will be allowed. Anyone carrying larger luggage will be required to stop to leave it at bag drop – which will mean another queue. Those queuing are likely to be given numbered wristbands to indicate their place in the line so they are able to leave and come back for comfort breaks or to buy food.

Guidelines for how they should behave and what they should wear have been issued by the Government. Mourners have been told to 'respect the dignity of this event and behave appropriately' including remaining silent inside the Palace of Westminster and to 'dress appropriately for the occasion to pay your respects'. Clothes with 'political or offensive slogans' are banned. As many as 10,000 police officers will be deployed in London, with officers on alert for both potential terrorism and activists such as environmental protesters. Up to 1,500 soldiers will be available to control the crowds, with personnel from all three services.

Full details of the queuing arrangements are expected to be released at 10pm tonight. A source told the Mail: 'It is like trying to organise something on a similar scale to the London Olympics in a matter of days.'

It is likely the queue will snake along the south bank of the Thames, past Tower Bridge, and as far as the start point of Southwark Park – a route some 4.9 miles long.

The Cabinet Office is preparing for the 'very real possibility' that London will become 'full' for the first time. Contingency plans are in place for rail operators, Network Rail and Transport for London to tell passengers not to attempt to travel to the capital.



Getting ready: Life Guards at Wellington Barracks in London rehearse for Monday's funeral procession yesterday

Q&A

When can I see the Queen's coffin?

The Queen's closed oak coffin will be lying in state in Westminster Hall from 5pm tomorrow. The hall will be open to the public 24 hours a day until 6.30am on the day of her funeral – next Monday. But officials have warned that people in the queue may have to wait up to 20 hours with plans to manage 325,000 mourners in total – around 3,000 people an hour.

How can I see it?

Full details of the queue will be published at 10pm today, but it is expected to stretch from Parliament's tourist entrance at Cromwell Green down Millbank, across Lambeth Bridge and loop back on the other side of the Thames past the Covid Memorial Wall. Security staff have said the queue is likely to be miles-long, potentially stretching to Tower Bridge.

What will the queue be like?

The Government has stressed that the queue will continuously move with no 'camping' allowed. But it is understood those in the queue will be given numbered wristbands to indicate their position, allowing them to leave and come back for 'comfort breaks'.
There will be portaloos along the route and crowd control infrastructure. It will be open to the disabled with step-free access throughout.

What should I take with me?

Official guidance is to dress appropriately for the weather and occasion. You should bring food and drink, a power bank for your phone if required and any essential medication. Food should be eaten before you enter Westminster Hall. Flasks or water bottles – except clear bottles which must be emptied of their contents before the security search – are not allowed inside the hall.

What can't I bring?

Banned items include flowers, candles, soft toys, photos, banners, flags, hampers, blankets and folding chairs. There is also a strict one bag policy – it cannot be over 40cm x 30cm x 20cm - when entering Westminster Hall. This must have one simple zip opening to allow people to move more quickly through the security check. A bag drop facility is available but capacity is limited.

What will the security checks be like?

Visitors will go through airport-style security to check for banned items. Queue-jumpers and anyone drunk will be removed by stewards and police patrolling the lines.

What are etiquette rules?

You will not be allowed to film, photograph or use your phone in the security search area within the Palace of Westminster. On entry to the palace, you should remain silent. The Government has urged people to 'dress appropriately for the occasion to pay your respects' and banned clothes 'with political or offensive slogans'.

Can children be taken to the lying in state?

Ministers asked parents to think carefully about whether to take children with them,depending on their age and if they will be able to manage the waiting and standing required.

What will it look like?

The coffin will be draped in a royal flag – expected to be a personal standard – and will rest on a raised platform called a catafalque, flanked by a military guard around the clock. A crown and other regalia are traditionally placed on top of the sovereign's coffin. Each corner of the platform is watched 24 hours a day.

on seeing Queen lying stretch back 5 MILES



In a sea of tributes, a moment of quiet grief

Daily Mail Reporter

HEAD bowed, a woman wipes away tears as she surveys some of the vast array of flowers left in memory of the Queen.

She was overcome with emotion as she took photographs of some of the tributes in Green Park, beside Buckingham Palace, yesterday.

Families, friends and strangers from all over the world consoled each other as they gathered outside the Palace and in London's royal parks to pay their respects.

Volunteers from the Samaritans supported mourners at the flower collection in Green Park and handed out contact details to those who had been strongly affected by the Queen's death. The charity said people had been opening up to them about their losses.



Panic: Mrs Nanthakumaran

Taking no chances, the first mourner

THE first mourners queuing to see the Queen lying in state set up camp on the banks of the Thames yesterday – prepared to wait for more than 48 hours.

Queuing is not supposed to start officially until tomorrow. But Vanessa Nanthakumaran, 56, from Harrow, north-west London, panicked after hearing the number of people allowed to see the Queen would be limited and became the first in the queue after stewards told her where it was due to start.

She grew up in Sri Lanka before moving to the UK to study in the 1980s. She said her great uncle, Sir

By **Isabelle Stanley**

Waithilingam Duraiswamy, was knighted by George VI for services to the then Ceylon and her daughter met the Queen as an air cadet.

The administrative assistant arrived at noon with a small bag and spent much of the day leaning against a wall waiting for her daughter to bring a camping chair.

She said she had gone to Parliament to ask where to start queuing but was repeatedly 'passed on'. She was eventually advised to base herself on the south side of Lambeth Bridge. She said: 'I was only going to come on Wednesday morning but when I saw they might control crowds I rushed straight here. I had to be here to represent my family, my parents and my grandparents. When I get

'I rushed straight here'

in to see the Queen, I'll say prayers in my heart. We have to be quiet and silent, but I'll pray for her peace and rest.'

Seeing a queue forming, Anne Daley, from Cardiff, rushed over from Parliament to take second place. Draped in the Welsh flag, she said she was there to represent Wales and had cried 'for days' after hearing about the Queen's death.

She said the long wait ahead does not concern her, adding: 'Don't worry – everything is under control. I have every luxury available.' She plans to order Deliveroo food deliveries and joked that she would quite like a swim in the Thames to cool off.

Grace Gothard, from Mitcham, south London, arrived to join the queue at 4.45pm. She said: 'It will be sad but a celebration too.'

I cannot help but feel

Monarch uses first Parliament address to vow: I'll follow Queen's selfless example

By **Jason Groves**
Political Editor

KING Charles addressed Parliament as monarch for the first time yesterday, saying he 'felt the weight of history'.

Speaking in the ancient surroundings of Westminster Hall, the new King said he would 'faithfully follow' the example of 'selfless duty' set by his mother.

Hundreds of MPs and peers, including Liz Truss, Boris Johnson and Sir Keir Starmer, packed into the hall to hear the King pledge to maintain the 'precious principles of parliamentary democracy which lie at the heart of our nation'.

His Majesty was visibly moved as the audience of around 1,200 senior figures sang God Save The King. In a short speech, he said: 'As I stand before you today, I cannot help but feel the weight of history which surrounds us... Parliament is the living and breathing instrument of our democracy. That your traditions are ancient we see in the construction of this great hall and the reminders of medieval predecessors of the office to which I have been called.'

Westminster Hall, built in 1097, has a long association with royalty. The Queen made several addresses here – most recently in 2012 on her Diamond Jubilee – and from tomorrow it is where her coffin will lie in state.

King Charles reminded parliamentarians of his mother's pledge at the age of 21 to devote her life to the service of the nation – a vow he said she had kept with 'unsurpassed devotion'. He added: 'She set an example of selfless duty which, with God's help and your counsels, I am resolved faithfully to follow.'

Lords Speaker Lord McFall paid tribute to the Queen and said Parliament was 'proud and humbled to welcome you as King'.

Commons Speaker Sir Lindsay Hoyle hailed the Queen as a 'symbol of stability', adding: 'We know you will bear those responsibilities which fall to you with the fortitude and dignity demonstrated by her late Majesty.'

Charles turns to the Bard again

CHARLES once again turned to Shakespeare for a poignant tribute to his late mother, describing her as 'a pattern to all princes living'.

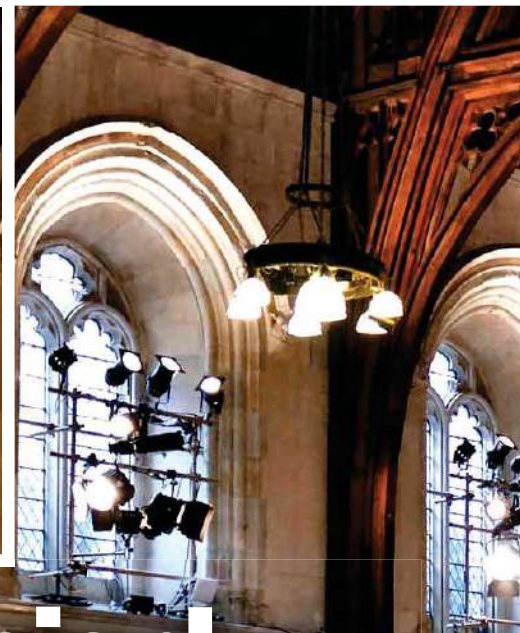
After MPs and peers had expressed their condolences, the King said their addresses 'touchingly encompass what our late sovereign, my beloved mother the Queen, meant to us all'.

He added: 'As Shakespeare says of the earlier Queen Elizabeth, she was "a pattern to all princes living".'

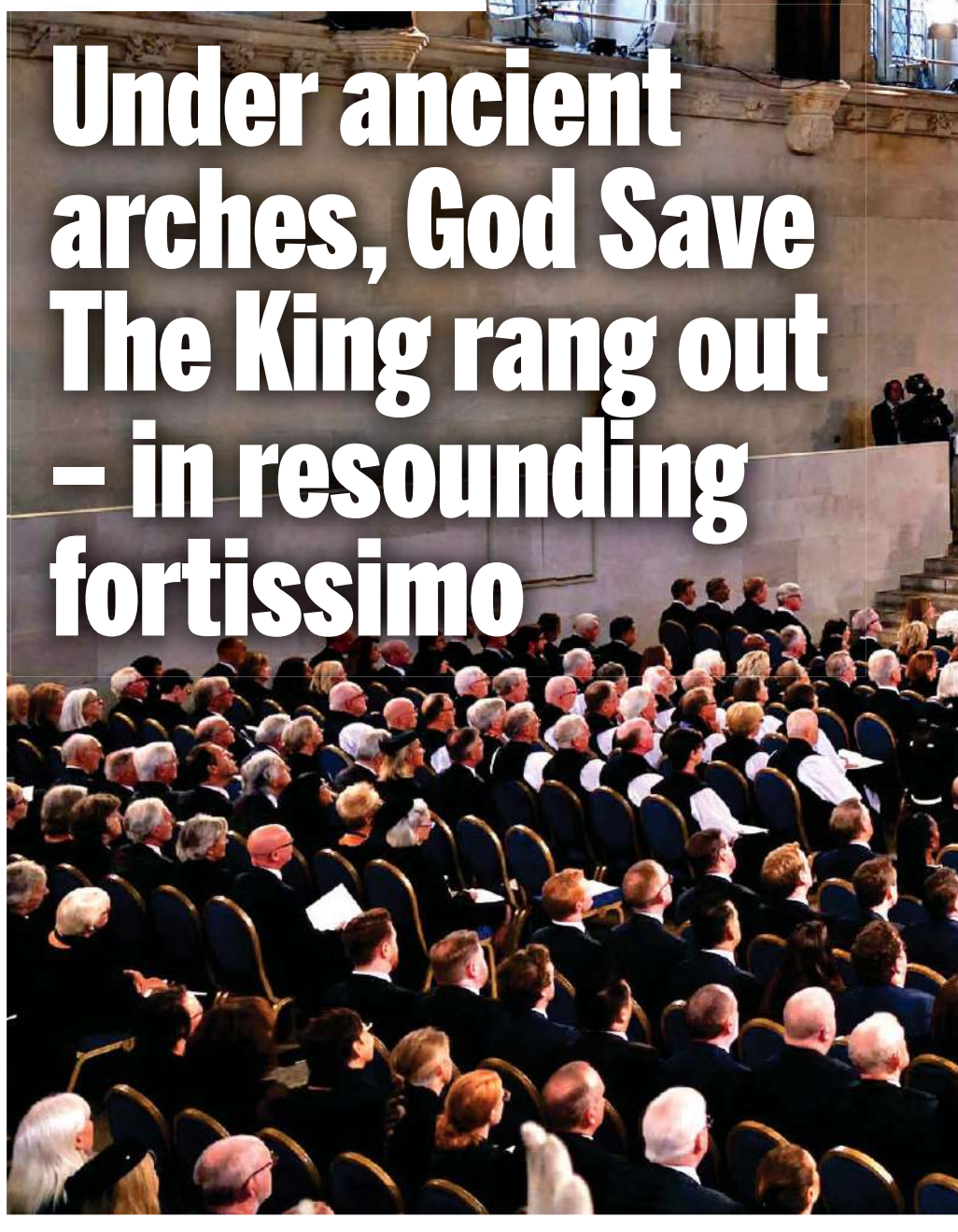
This is a reference to the final scene of the play Henry VIII, in which Archbishop Cranmer baptises baby Elizabeth and prophesises she will become a great Queen. Charles quoted from Hamlet in his first broadcast as King on Friday.



Regal: A relaxed King Charles with the Queen Consort yesterday in a packed Westminster Hall



Under ancient arches, God Save The King rang out – in resounding fortissimo





HENRY DEEDES SKETCH

HEARING the state trumpeters let rip, at full parp, in ear-splitting crescendo is a sound that provokes a heart-pumping, chest-swelling sense of emotion.

And as those pitch-perfect blasts rang out around the cold slab flagstones of Westminster Hall yesterday morning, the vast sea of black stretching all the way back to the entrance suddenly rose as one.

The King had arrived.

Outside, the crowd swarming around Parliament Square let out a mighty cheer. There was a flurry of flashbulbs and that still unfamiliar cry of 'God Save The King!'.

As Charles emerged gingerly from his stately Rolls and stood, gently stooped and dwarfed by the hall's hulking masonry, he appeared somewhat daunted at what lay ahead. His first address to Parliament. One could hardly blame him.

The hall is an imposing place, haunted by the shades of our kings and queens dating back to the 11th century, and by great names from our own times.

Mandela has spoken here. So, too, Barack Obama and Charles de Gaulle.

Large footprints to follow in for sure.

BUT no sooner had he stepped through the giant doorway, with Camilla a half pace behind him, the burden of expectation seemed to melt away. Suddenly, there was a proprietorial air about King Charles III.

Gone too were those nervy tendencies, that habit he developed as Prince of Wales, of twiddling his cufflinks and fidgeting with his signet ring. He exuded quiet authority and unshakeable confidence.

The atmosphere in the hammer-beamed Norman hall was now bristling. Hundreds of members of both Houses had crammed inside to be part of a moment in history. As the King made his way down the aisle, some MPs nodded their heads in respect. Others, such as Tory MP Simon Hoare, launched themselves into a deep bow.

Prime Minister Liz Truss was seated alongside Labour leader Sir Keir Starmer and the SNP's Ian Blackford. Blackford had chosen to wear a kilt for the occasion, revealing a pair of legs whiter and pastier than two pints of gold-top milk. An explosion of custard-coloured hair at the front of the hall betrayed the location of Boris Johnson. He had been seated next to Theresa May. Tactful. Not. The two ex-PMs barely exchanged words.

And, good Lord, was that the noted revolutionary Jeremy Corbyn sitting down? It most certainly was.

Meanwhile, standing to attention on the hall's steps were a clutch of Beefeaters trussed up in their magnificent livery, white plumes swishing, their ceremonial swords clinking with every movement.

The King and his Queen Consort eventually took their seats on a pair of pink thrones — the first time they have beenso seated since the Queen's death. Camilla grinned nervously, the diamonds on her pearl necklace twinkling like Long John Silver's gold tooth. We

the weight of history



Picture: HENRY NICHOLLS/PA WIRE

heard first from the two Speakers. Lords speaker Lord McFall paid tribute to the late Queen, whom he described as a 'leader of her people, and a servant of them too' whose humility had 'commanded respect and captured the imagination of peoples and nations across the globe'.

His Commons counterpart Sir Lindsay Hoyle, resplendent in a gold and black robe and a raffish white cravat, observed in a well-judged contribution that the Queen's death had been 'felt around the world'. (Incidentally, I spotted Camilla and Sir Lindsay chatting outside afterwards. My betting is the Queen Consort enjoys tuning into the ding-dongs each week at PMQs.)

The King looked on, his face a picture of quiet contemplation as he perched almost languidly in his throne.

No doubt he is exhausted, emotionally and physically after the events of these past extraordinary days. Then, addressing both Houses from a gilded lectern, Charles confessed he felt the deep gravitational pull of his surroundings.

'As I stand before you today, I cannot help but feel the weight of history which surrounds us and which reminds us of the vital parliamentary traditions to which members of both Houses dedicate yourselves with such personal commitment, for the betterment of us all,' he said.

He spoke slowly and precisely, a theatrical pause here and there. Effort had obviously been put not just in his speech's composition but in its delivery too.

He thanked those present for their tributes to the Queen. And, just as he had in his moving and memorable address to the nation last Friday, he turned to Shakespeare to express his feelings towards his mother, the Queen.

'She was the pattern to all Princes living,' he said, a quote from Henry VIII used to describe Elizabeth I.

As Charles resumed his seat, those trumpeters struck up again and God Save The King rang out. It was the first time it had been sung in his presence. And let the record show, it was belted out in the most resounding fortissimo.

Why has rail plan for the royal coffin been ditched?

By **Martin Beckford**
Policy Editor

CANCELLING proposals to transport the Queen's coffin by Royal Train will deny huge numbers of people the opportunity to pay their last respects, it was claimed last night.

Under plans leaked in 2017 for the eventuality of the monarch dying at Balmoral, codenamed Operation Unicorn, she was to make her final journey by rail.

It was expected that the train would travel slowly through as much of the country as possible on its way from Scotland to London, allowing the public to say goodbye from platforms at railway stations or at viewing points along the line.

Instead, however, under a different contingency plan known as Operation Overstudy, the Queen's coffin will tonight be flown to the capital on a military aircraft ahead of her lying-in-state at Westminster Hall.

'Would have liked to say goodbye'

No official explanation has been given for the U-turn, with some experts speculating it could have been the result of security concerns about protesters blocking the line or health and safety fears for crowds trying to catch a glimpse of the train – although royal insiders say it was to avoid disruption to other rail users.

But last night rail industry figures and MPs said the move will deny many – particularly those who cannot easily travel to the capital – the opportunity to pay their respects.

One northern MP said: 'My constituents have written to me to say they're disappointed. They would have liked to have said goodbye.'

Tory MP Martin Vickers, chairman of the All-Party Parliamentary Group on Rail, said: 'It's rather sad and it would have been nice but I suspect there are justifiable reasons.'

Tory former minister David Jones said: 'People from the North who would have liked to pay their respects probably won't go to London because the train service is so bad.'

He added that there was little prospect of the Royal Train being disrupted. 'People would have been quick to clamp down on anybody trying to cause trouble,' he said.

Nigel Harris, editor of Rail magazine, criticised the 'major blunder by Government, Palace and railway' to stop people paying their respects.

Rail expert Christian Wolmar said: 'Everything possible should have been done to maintain this rather special way of enabling people to make their farewells without travelling to London.'

A royal source said: 'The decision was made for practical reasons including avoiding disruptions to the public.'

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Routes to run 24 hours a day

RAIL bosses were last night drawing up plans for 24-hour train services into London in the run-up to the Queen's funeral next Monday.

Capacity could be boosted by 50 per cent on some lines. Transport chiefs are expecting demand on railways and roads in the capital to be 'unprecedented'.

Plans were still being finalised last night, but Southeastern is one operator set to run 24-hour services. Most lines normally stop operating shortly after midnight and do not re-start until 5am to 5.30am.

A rail source said: 'There will be 24-hour services on some routes by some operators.

'Specific details will be on journey planners by Wednesday.'

Anne to stay at mother's side on saddest journey

By **Inderdeep Bains**
Deputy Chief Reporter

THE Princess Royal will remain by the Queen's side as she embarks on the next leg of her historic journey to her final resting place.

Princess Anne, the late monarch's only daughter, will accompany her coffin as it leaves Scotland for London on a flight at 6pm today.

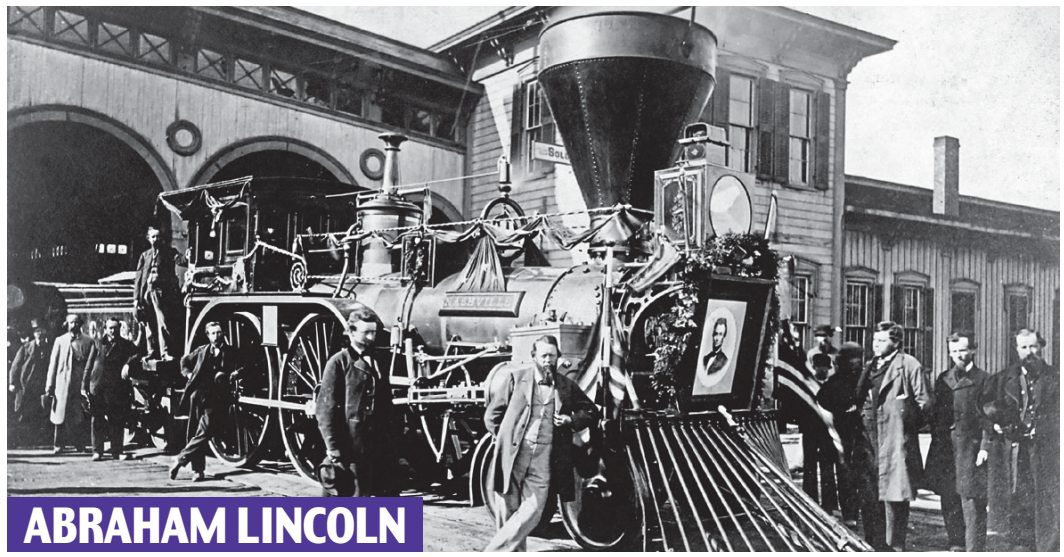


The 72-year-old, pictured, was the only one of the Queen's four children to accompany the funeral cortege on its six-hour road journey from Balmoral to Edinburgh.

The coffin will leave St Giles' Cathedral, where it has been lying in state, by hearse at 5pm.

At the city's airport, a bearer party of the RAF will carry it to a military aircraft for the flight to RAF Northolt, west London, where it is due to land shortly before 7pm. King Charles and the Queen Consort will be waiting with a guard of honour before the coffin is driven in the State Hearse into the capital. The Prince and Princess of Wales will be at Buckingham Palace this evening to greet the coffin.

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ABRAHAM LINCOLN

Presidential pomp: The engine Nashville drew the 'Lincoln Special' around the U.S. in 1865

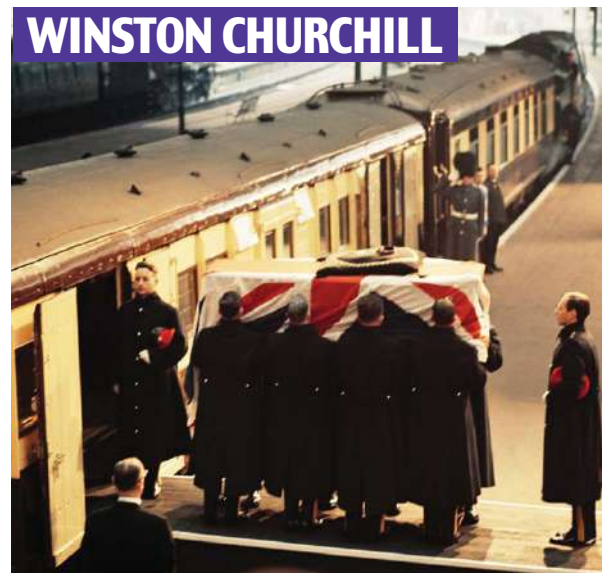


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ROBERT KENNEDY

Goodbye, Bobby: Workers and their families await Robert Kennedy's funeral train in 1968

WINSTON CHURCHILL



Our hero: Churchill's coffin is loaded on at Waterloo

THERE is just time to change the mistaken decision to fly Her Majesty's remains from Edinburgh to London today. I do so very much hope that somebody realises how much better, more ceremonious, more reverent and more fitting it would be if she returned to the capital by train.

We have seen, during the past few days, how the people of Scotland came to stand by the roadside as she was driven from Balmoral to Holyrood.

Imagine how many hundreds of thousands would line the route if the Royal Train carried Queen Elizabeth from the splendour of Edinburgh's Waverley station south across the border, through Tyneside and past the great cathedral cities of Durham and York, perhaps then turning south-west to travel through the Midlands before eventually arriving at one of the majestic London railway termini, where she could be properly received with all the honours due to her.

Though this may be too much to ask, to add to the grandeur and emotion of the occasion, the train might be hauled by a steam locomotive, as happened in the state funerals of her father and grandfather.

I'd guess that millions of us would like to have some chance to say a direct farewell to the monarch who has been the focus of our loyalty all our lives. The arrangements for her lying-in-state, announced in detail yesterday, are discouraging for all but the most determined and the most physically fit.

Those who make the attempt are warned they will be subject to 'airport-style security', a procedure for which there are plenty of excuses but no really good reasons. Bring food, we are told, but eat it before you go through security. Prepare to wait all night but bring no bedding, only a tiny bag, etc.

I had thought (am still thinking) of trying, but these off-putting arrangements now make me wonder if I can face it. I can stand a lot of waiting but the prospect of being herded, corralled and patted down by jobsworths seems to me to be the opposite of the spirit of this country. And for most people, London is far away, inhospitable, vast and expensive.

While it is impossible for a royal funeral train to travel fully round the country, it would give far more people the opportunity to mark the passing of a beloved monarch and of an era.

Thousands saw Churchill's funeral train

This is not a new idea. After the assassination of Abraham Lincoln in 1865, his coffin was carried by train around much of the U.S., drawing gigantic crowds of reverent mourners, who lined the tracks in cities and countryside alike. Those who saw it pass always remembered it. The poet Walt Whitman wrote an astonishing poem about the journey, entitled When Lilacs Last In The Dooryard Bloom'd. One passage runs:

Coffin that passes through
lanes and streets,
Through day and night with
the great cloud darkening
the land,
With the pomp of the inloop'd
flags with the cities draped
in black,
With the show of the States
themselves as of crape-veil'd
women standing,
With processions long and
winding and the flambeaus
of the night.

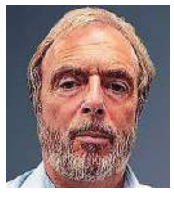
A little over a century later, in June 1968, the body of another murdered American leader, Robert Kennedy, was taken by train from New York City to Washington DC. The pictures taken from the train by the pho-

GEORGE VI



Sombre sight: George VI's casket arrives at King's Cross station from Sandringham

Let the Queen be brought to London by train – and give the whole nation a chance to say farewell



by PETER HITCHENS

tographer Paul Fusco are astonishingly moving: rich and poor, black and white for once mingled together, old men and children, young men and their girlfriends, saluting police officers and firemen, praying nuns, the whole of America, cram the station platforms or stand patient and respectful on grassy embankments.

At North Philadelphia, mourners linked arms to sing the 'Glory, glory Hallelujah' chorus of the Battle Hymn Of The Republic as the 21 carriages rumbled slowly by. One passenger recalled: 'In the marshlands of northern Jersey, hardened workers stood atop trucks with their hands placed over their hearts. One man knelt in prayer by the trackside.'

Many of those aboard stood by open windows to hear the crowds singing and (sometimes) crying as the train went by. It is impossible to know, but two million people may well have watched it pass. All had waited long hours (the train was four hours late by the time it arrived in Washington, but what did that matter?) and I doubt whether anyone who was there has ever forgotten it. It is one of the events of the century that I wish very much I had witnessed.

But this sort of thing is not just for Americans. The same is also true of the last journey of that titan of Britishness, Winston Churchill. After his vast triumphal procession through the London he saved, the old man's coffin was carried aboard a train by ten soldiers from his own first regiment at Waterloo Station (Paddington would have made more sense, as the train was bound for Oxfordshire, but Churchill had chosen this starting point specifically to annoy France's General de Gaulle, who had so many times annoyed *him*).

The dark green veteran steam engine Winston Churchill had been saved from retirement and the scrapyard to do this one great task. Once again, as it gathered speed, those aboard the train were impressed and moved to see how many thousands came to line platforms, bridges and trackside fields to say a final, silent farewell.

As Jan Morris recorded on the moving last page of her book about the end of Empire, Farewell The Trumpets: 'They put the old statesman's body reverently on a train, for he was to be buried in the family churchyard in Oxfordshire: and so as dusk fell, with white steam flying from the engine's funnel, and a hiss of its pistons through the meadows, it carried him sadly home again, to the green country heart of England.'

A car lacks the drama of a locomotive

I think there is a reason why these events proved so powerful and memorable and that is why we, too, should take the chance to focus national grief, mourning and love in a way that will help to bind a sorrowful people. The passing of a motor car, however grand and polished, simply lacks the power, drama and beauty of the long-awaited passing of a great train headed by a mighty locomotive.

In this country, the web of railways still reaches much of the nation and allows incalculable numbers of people to travel reasonable distances to say a final goodbye to a person who has symbolised goodness, peace and order among us for 70 years.

Could we not, even at this last moment, have a change of plan? This is the greatest goodbye, outside our own families, most of us will ever express. Please, whoever is in charge of these arrangements, give us the chance to do so in person.

Biggest policing challenge in British history

By **Rebecca Camber**
Crime and Security Editor

SCOTLAND Yard's new Commissioner yesterday said masterminding the Queen's funeral will be the biggest security operation in British history.

On his first day in office, Sir Mark Rowley acknowledged the scale of the task ahead as he said his first priority would be to enable mourners from all over the world to safely pay their respects to the Queen.

After becoming the UK's first police chief to swear allegiance to King Charles III, Sir Mark said he would pour thousands of officers into the security operation to protect the one million people expected to descend on the capital over the mourning period.

'It's a massive challenge for the Met and for me personally,' Sir Mark admitted. 'But we have been preparing for many, many years. I have a lot of trust and confidence in the fantastic police officers who are going to support this event and help make it safe.'

The new Commissioner faces a baptism of fire as he takes control of Britain's biggest police force. Sir Mark has the task of

'We've been preparing for many, many years'

transforming a scandal-hit force at an unprecedented time of uncertainty with a new monarch, Prime Minister and Home Secretary. But his first priority will be masterminding the biggest security operation this country has ever seen.

As Britain's former head of counter-terrorism, Sir Mark has years of security planning experience. He also led policing of the Diamond Jubilee and supported security for the London 2012 Olympics.

Around 10,000 police officers will be on duty every day in London in the lead-up to the Queen's funeral. The Met will also need extra specialist officers from across the UK, including close protection and firearms, to take part in the meticulously planned operation. And British Transport Police is boosting the number of officers at main railway stations.

Trump snubbed (but Sinn Fein will join events)

DONALD Trump will not get an invitation to the Queen's state funeral.

Invitations will be issued to heads of state and their spouses – but the attendance of other leaders will be at the discretion of Buckingham Palace.

When asked if there was space for former heads of state such as Mr Trump, the Prime Minister's official spokesman said 'space will be limited'.

Leaders who have confirmed their attendance include US President Joe Biden and the prime ministers of Canada, Australia and New Zealand.

Irish premier Micheal Martin said yesterday he will attend the funeral, and Sinn Fein announced it will attend official royal events during the period of mourning, after members stayed away from Sunday's accession proclamation ceremony in Northern Ireland.

WHAT TO EXPECT

TODAY: RETURN TO LONDON

The Queen will lie in state at St Giles' Cathedral in Edinburgh until this afternoon when her coffin will be flown to London.

5pm Coffin is taken by hearse from St Giles', a guard of honour formed by the Royal Company of Archers giving a royal salute as the coffin leaves the cathedral.

The hearse drives to Edinburgh Airport, where the Royal Regiment of Scotland receives the coffin with a royal salute. A bearer party from the Royal Air Force carries it on to the aircraft – and remains with the Queen during the journey to London.

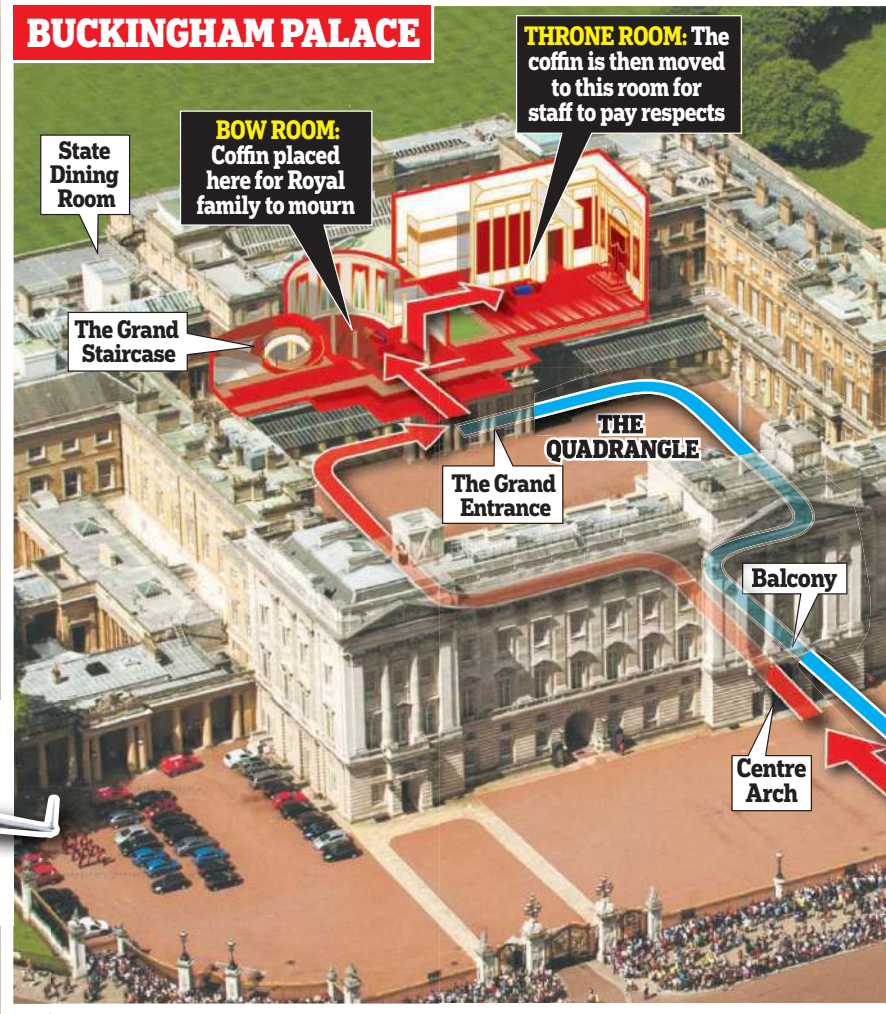
6pm The RAF plane takes off. The Princess Royal, Princess Anne, accompanies her mother on the flight to London, along with the Very Reverend Professor David Fergusson, Dean of the Chapel Royal in Scotland.

6.55pm Arrival at RAF Northolt, west London. The bearer party carries the coffin from the aircraft to the waiting state hearse for the road journey along the A40 into central London.









At Buckingham Palace, a further guard of honour formed by the King's Guard receives the coffin as it arrives at the Grand Entrance.

A bearer party of the Queen's Company, 1st Battalion Grenadier Guards, carries the coffin to the Bow Room where it is placed on trestles, witnessed by King Charles and the Queen Consort.

A rota of Chaplains to the King, who were formerly appointed by the Queen, keep watch over the coffin while it rests in the Bow Room, where the King and other royals may mourn.

Coffin then moves to the Throne Room, where devoted palace staff can pay their respects.



OVER THE NEXT TWO DAYS



TOMORROW: DAY ONE OF QUEEN LYING IN STATE

■ **2.22pm Coffin is borne by gun carriage of the King's Troop Royal Horse Artillery from Buckingham Palace to the Palace of Westminster.**

■ Route takes in Queen's Gardens, The Mall, Horse Guards and Horse Guards Arch, Whitehall, Parliament Street, Parliament Square and New Palace Yard.



■ **The King and senior royals follow the gun carriage on foot. They are followed by senior staff of both the Queen's and the King's Households, and then close personal staff.**

■ Procession walks in silence without music.

■ **Guards of honour from all three services are positioned along the route. The King's Life Guard give a royal salute as coffin passes through Horse Guards Arch. Outside Buckingham Palace, The King's Guard welcomes the coffin.**

■ Throughout the procession, minute guns will be fired at Hyde Park by the King's Troop Royal Horse Artillery, and Big Ben will toll.

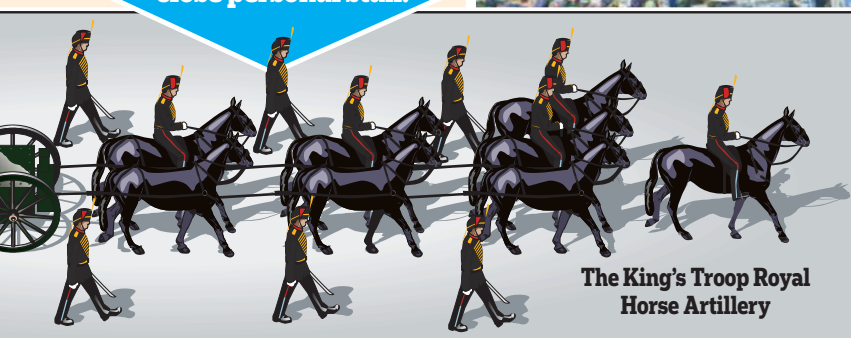
■ **3pm Coffin arrives at North Door of Westminster Hall, and is carried to the catafalque in Westminster Hall by a bearer party from the Queen's Company, 1st Battalion Grenadier Guards.**

■ Archbishop of Canterbury Justin Welby conducts a short service.



Wednesday 2.22pm: PROCESSION TO WESTMINSTER HALL

The King and senior royals trail the gun carriage on foot followed by senior staff of both the Queen's and the King's Households, and then close personal staff.



The King's Troop Royal Horse Artillery



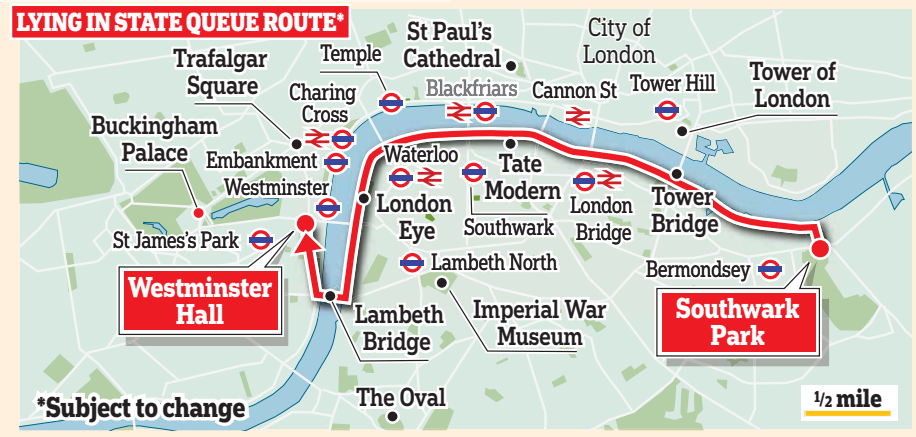
Funeral of the Queen Mother in 2002

LYING IN STATE

■ **5pm Westminster Hall opens for public to file past coffin at start of four-and-a-half days of Queen lying in state.**

■ Round-the-clock vigil is mounted around the catafalque by officers of the Household Division, the King's Body Guards of the Honourable Corps of Gentlemen at Arms, the King's Body Guard for Scotland, the Royal Company of Archers and The King's Body Guard the Yeomen of the Guard.

■ **Public queue expected to stretch five miles – and take up to 30 hours to reach front. Camping chairs, mobile phones, food and drink banned in Westminster Hall, with public asked to observe silence as they file past Her Majesty's closed coffin.**



Military uniforms ban for Andrew and Harry

They're for working royals only, says Charles after Philip funeral row

By **Rebecca English**
Royal Editor

THE Duke of York and Prince Harry have been told they cannot wear military uniform at the Queen's funeral and ceremonial events leading up to it.

Only working members of the Royal Family will be permitted to wear military dress.

One exception has been made for Prince Andrew – when he joins his brothers and sister for a final vigil over their mother's coffin in Westminster Hall as a 'mark of respect' for the Queen.

The decision has been made following an extraordinary family row around the Duke of Edinburgh's funeral last year.

The Mail exclusively revealed that behind the scenes Andrew demanded to be allowed to wear his uniform as an honorary vice-admiral of the Royal Navy, despite being forced to stand down from public life over the Jeffrey Epstein scandal.

Andrew paid out millions to one of Epstein's victims, Virginia Giuffre, formerly Roberts, who accused the duke of raping her when she was 17 – accusations he denied.

Around the time of the late Prince Philip's funeral, Andrew even went to his mother to ask her to back him in the uniform row as she prepared to say goodbye to her beloved husband.

After the Mail's story broke, it was announced that all senior royals would wear morning suits in order to deflect the row – a ruling which was at odds with naval hero Prince Philip's wishes. The Duke of Sussex, meanwhile, lost his entitlement to wear a military uniform when he quit as a working royal to move to America.

This time King Charles has moved decisively at the earliest opportunity, ruling that only working members of the Royal Family will be allowed to wear military uniform at the five ceremonial events during the period of mourning, Palace sources confirmed. It is understood that 'no one wanted uncertainty', so a 'policy decision' was taken on the issue early on.

The monarch, the Duke of Cambridge, the Earl of Wessex and Princess Anne all hold honorary roles with multiple regiments across all branches of the forces.

Yesterday, as they followed their mother's coffin to the Service of Thanksgiving at St Giles' Cathedral in Edinburgh, the King wore a full day ceremonial uniform in the rank of field marshal, the Princess Royal wore a Royal Navy full ceremonial uniform in the rank of admiral and the Earl of Wessex sported the Blues uniform of the honorary royal colonel of the Wessex Yeomanry.

Prince Andrew wore his morning suit with medals and decorations.



Veterans: Harry and Andrew wear military uniforms to watch a flypast with the Queen in 2005

But the King's decision also means that Prince Harry, as a non-working royal, will be in a morning suit later in the week and for Monday's funeral like his Falkland hero uncle. But he will be able to wear his medals, including the two he earned as a result of tours of Afghanistan during a decade of service in the military.

By contrast, his brother, the new Prince of Wales, will be in full military dress.

Prince Andrew will be permitted to wear uniform on one occasion – the final vigil in Westminster Hall – as a 'final mark of respect' for his late mother. It is likely to be the full military dress uniform of a vice-admiral of the Navy, the only military rank he still holds. That decision was made for two reasons, the most obvious being that it would look odd for Prince Andrew to be the only person not in military dress standing by his mother's coffin.

'Final mark of respect'

But it is understood the King also decided to show his younger brother, who is still eighth in line to the throne, a gesture of kindness as it would be the last opportunity for him to publicly honour their mother.

Andrew has not been seen in uniform since he was forced out of public life earlier this year.

We smile knowing you and Grandpa are reunited... duke's tribute to his Granny

By **Royal Editor**

PRINCE Harry issued an emotional tribute to his late grandmother yesterday, highlighting her 'unwavering grace and dignity'.

The prince said it was a comfort that the Queen was now reunited with 'Grandpa' in peace.

The message was posted on the website of the Duke and Duchess of Sussex's Archewell website, and was accompanied by a black-and-white photograph of the monarch laughing with her grandson.

It read: 'In celebrating the life of my grandmother, Her Majesty the Queen – and in mourning her loss – we are all reminded of the guiding compass she was to so many in her commitment to service and duty.'

Harry, 37, who acrimoniously quit as a working royal, sparking one of the worst crises during the latter years of the Queen's reign, also referred to his grandmother's own words after her beloved Philip died, when she said: 'Life, of course, consists of final partings as well as first meetings.'

Harry continued: 'Granny, while this final parting brings us great sadness, I am forever grateful for all of our first meetings – from my earliest childhood memories with you, to meeting you for the first time as my Commander-in-Chief, to the first moment you met my darling wife and hugged your beloved great-grandchildren.'

Harry and Meghan have indicated they will remain in the UK until the Queen's funeral. It is not clear if they will be joined by their children, Archie, three, and Lilibet, one.

There is no news as to whether the children, who are sixth and seventh in line to the throne respectively, will start to use the prince and princess titles they are now entitled to following their great-grandmother's death. On Saturday, Prince William reached out to his estranged brother and invited him and Meghan to view floral tributes at Windsor Castle.

Sources have indicated, however, that it was an act of kindness and unity to honour their grandmother rather than a mending of their rift. Harry, who has made a string of damning accusations against his family, is bringing out a tell-all memoir and Netflix documentary. There has been no word as to whether they will be postponed out of respect to the Queen.

Spotify has announced it will put new episodes of Meghan's podcast, Archetypes, on hold during the period of official mourning.



Close bond: Prince Harry with the Queen

> IN celebrating the life of my grandmother, Her Majesty the Queen – and in mourning her loss – we are all reminded of the guiding compass she was to so many in her commitment to service and duty.
>
> She was globally admired and respected. Her unwavering grace and dignity remained true throughout her life and now her everlasting legacy.
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> Let us echo the words she spoke after the passing of her husband, Prince Philip, words which can bring comfort to all of us now, "Life, of course, consists of final partings as well as first meetings."
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> Granny, while this final parting brings us great sadness, I am forever grateful for all of our first meetings – from my earliest childhood memories with you, to meeting you for the first time as my Commander-in-Chief, to the first moment you met my darling wife and hugged your beloved great-grandchildren.
>
> I cherish these times shared with you and the many other special moments in between. You are already sorely missed, not just by us, but by the world over.
>
> And as it comes to first meetings, we now honour my father in his new role as King Charles III.
>
> Thank you for your commitment to service. Thank you for your sound advice. Thank you for your infectious smile.
>
> We, too, smile knowing that you and Grandpa are reunited now, and both together in peace.



by REBECCA ENGLISH

ROYAL EDITOR



High street style: Sophie in the mid-1990s



Lost in thought: She takes a quiet moment of reflection for the Queen, together inset

Face etched with grief, PR girl who became Queen's 'second daughter'

HUNKERED down on her heels, eyes red-rimmed as she studied the floral tributes and loving messages, the Countess of Wessex appeared lost in thought.

Her deep sorrow was evident in this and every other image of her seen in the days since the Queen died.

And it should come as no surprise. Sophie and her mother-in-law were so close that she had become like a 'second daughter'.

Indeed, after losing her own mum, Mary Rhys-Jones, to stomach cancer in 2005 at just 71, she had taken to affectionately calling the Queen 'Mama'.

They spent a lot of time together. Sophie and her husband Prince Edward, the Queen's youngest son, live with their two children just a stone's throw away from Windsor Castle at Bagshot Park. Walking their dogs together was a favourite pastime. They also shared a love of military history, spending hours poring over ancient documents in the Royal Archives at Windsor.

The seeds of their fond relationship were sown in 2002 after the Queen lost first her sister, Princess Margaret, then her adored mother, Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother, within weeks. It was such a comfort to have another female family member in her life.

The shattering death of her beloved Philip last year brought the Queen and Sophie even closer, with the monarch often inviting her to take her late husband's place with her in the back of the car.

This deep-rooted affection and respect explains why, as the Queen's nearest and dearest gathered in Scotland last week to mourn her sudden passing, Sophie was the only non-blood relative – aside from Princess Anne's husband, Sir Tim Laurence – who was front and centre of the intimate family group.

For Sophie, 57, has quietly and unobtrusively become one of the unsung treasures of the Royal Family. 'Sophie wasn't born into aristocracy. She's always worked for a living.

'As countesses go, she's pretty grounded. And that's something the Royal Family needs,' says one royal insider.

THERE is even a swell of chatter that Sophie and Edward – who are set to be made the Duke and Duchess of Edinburgh in line with Philip's wishes – could be 'promoted' to William and Kate's second in command. How far they have both come after the shakiest of starts. In some respects, Sophie and Edward were the Harry and Meghan of their day.

Like the Sussexes, they insisted on trying to break the mould and forge lucrative commercial careers – she in PR and he in TV production – in tandem with their royal duties.

Then Sophie was sensationally caught up in a humiliating 'sting' operation engineered by the News of the World after talking with a 'Fake Sheik' posing as a potential client. Her taped indiscretions about senior politicians were highly embarrassing.

For his part, Edward was lambasted for trying to cash in on his royal links in his commercial ventures. Unlike the Sussexes, Sophie and Edward wound down their businesses and dig in to royals duties, rebuilding their reputations within the Royal Family.

The Countess is now the second hardest working female royal after Anne, and has won plaudits for her choice of work on preventable blindness and the issue of sexual violence in war.

One senior Whitehall source told me that her championing of the cause has been 'invaluable'.

'She is not afraid to shy away from the questions that need to be asked of those in charge and hold their feet to the fire,' they say.

Baroness Stedman-Scott OBE, Under Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, speaking to me in a personal capacity, has known Sophie for 18 years through a charity helping the long-term unemployed. 'When she first came to visit us she didn't want any fuss or fanfare and I just told them to make sure the place was tidy and the toilet was clean. She turned up on her own and sat chatting. She's such a natural,' she enthuses.

'She's also got a great sense of humour, too. We attended an awards ceremony together and as we walked in somebody wolf whistled [at her]. She just turned to me and said, "Was that for you?"'

Sophie's image, too, has changed over the years. The short-skirts and ill-fitting suits from the High Street she favoured as a young PR executive were long ago dispensed with. In the past decade she has lost weight after going to the gym and taking up cycling, and has stepped up her game in the fashion stakes.

She has enlisted the help of stylist Pandora Delevingne (mother of model and actress Cara) and now favours collections by Suzannah London and Emilia Wickstead to flatter her physique and English rose complexion.

Indeed, Sophie, privately educated from a solid middle-class family in Kent (her father is a retired tyre salesman) has become the real royal deal and what the Queen considered to be one of the safest pairs of hands in 'The Firm'.

'She fell into her role so brilliantly and has been dedicated to doing everything right,' long-term friend, Penny Mountbatten, ex-wife of the Queen's cousin Lord Ivar Mountbatten, told me. 'At the same time as conducting all her royal duties, she's a hands-on mum [to Lady Louise, now 18, and James, Viscount Severn, 14] and the most loyal and supportive friend you could ever hope for. Finding the time and the balance to do all of that right is really quite genius. I think she's just remarkable.'

SOPHIE, she stresses, has a core group of girlfriends from her pre-royal days. 'She keeps them all very close. She is godmother to quite a few children and they all feel the same, that she is someone they can call any time for advice or guidance,' she adds.

'Being the Queen's daughter-in-law, and one that has such a particularly close relationship with her, could have changed her but it didn't. She's never forgotten her roots.'

Another friend, jewellery designer Belinda Scott, whose daughter, Camilla Hadden, was a bridesmaid for Sophie and Edward when they married in 1999, agrees. 'She is a fiercely loyal friend who'd drop everything to help,' she has previously told me.

'You can sit down with her and she will focus and sort it all out with you. And she's pretty practical and logical.'

Sophie is devoted to and fiercely protective of her children, having endured serious medical complications during the birth of Louise and an ectopic pregnancy.

'She went through a lot to have her family and she and Edward have never relied on nannies. They have always had a rule that, when working, one of them is at home with the children as far as possible,' Penny Mountbatten says.

And because the Queen lived close by, she got to spend a great deal of time with Louise and James when they were growing up, often watching Mr Tumble on CBeebies when they were little.

Former England cricket captain Sir Andrew Strauss has got to know Sophie on the school run having met through their sons.

'Sophie is fully involved with all the parents' WhatsApp groups', he says. 'It must be such a difficult thing when you are involved in school stuff as just another parent, but on the other hand, you are a member of the Royal Family. You get the impression they are determined to give their children as normal an upbringing as possible.'

Royal sources tell me that Sophie has become something of a confidante for the new Princess of Wales, who sees that Sophie admires the way in which she is balancing royal duties with motherhood. And Sophie has William's seal of approval, too.

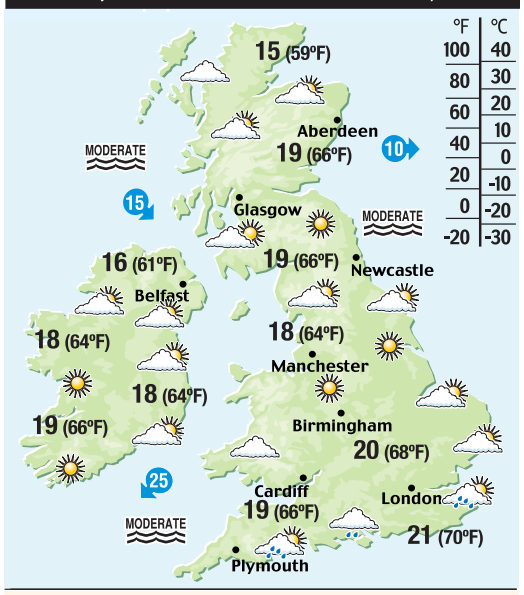
'The next few years are going to be incredibly important for this country,' Mark Foster-Brown, a close family friend and chairman of the Wessex Youth Trust, told me in an interview before the Queen's death. 'Sophie has never sought the limelight but as we go into the next phase of the monarchy it will be absolutely critical for the [then] Duchess of Cambridge to have a female sounding board.

'And she simply couldn't get better than someone like Sophie.'

Few would disagree.

Weather

Go to: **dailymail.co.uk/weather** for UK and world 5 day forecast



Summary: Sunny spells

UK TODAY: Fine as it will be mostly dry with lots of sunshine but cloud will build into southern counties of England bringing outbreaks of rain which may be heavy. Cloudy across northwest Scotland. Max 21c.

Today's weather

	9am	12noon	3pm	6pm	9pm
London	16c	19c	20c	19c	18c
Plymouth	18c	19c	20c	19c	18c
Cardiff	15c	17c	18c	17c	16c
B'ham	13c	18c	20c	18c	15c
M'chester	12c	16c	19c	18c	14c
Newcastle	12c	16c	18c	17c	14c
Glasgow	13c	16c	17c	16c	12c
Aberdeen	14c	16c	17c	16c	13c
Belfast	13c	16c	17c	16c	13c

5 day forecast

	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
London	22c	19c	17c	18c	17c
Plymouth	20c	19c	18c	17c	17c
Cardiff	22c	19c	18c	17c	17c
B'ham	19c	17c	16c	15c	16c
M'chester	18c	16c	15c	15c	15c
Newcastle	17c	15c	13c	14c	14c
Glasgow	17c	16c	15c	15c	15c
Aberdeen	16c	12c	12c	13c	12c
Belfast	16c	15c	15c	14c	15c

Yesterday

24 hours to 6pm	Sun (hrs)	Rain (ins)	Temp (min)	Temp (max)
Aberdeen	7.4	0.39	14	19
Aberporth	0.2	0.08	16	23
Belfast	4.0	0.04	14	17
Birmingham	3.7	0.16	15	23
Bournemouth	3.7	0.00	12	24
Bristol	4.9	0.06	17	24
Cardiff	0.6	0.00	16	22
Durham	4.5	0.05	16	21

24 hours to 6pm	Sun (hrs)	Rain (ins)	Temp (min)	Temp (max)
Edinburgh	6.3	0.16	15	18
Glasgow	4.0	0.48	14	18
Hull	0.0	0.30	16	20
Ipswich	3.4	0.00	15	26
Leeds	1.3	0.35	15	20
Lincoln	1.1	0.20	15	22
London	4.5	0.00	15	26
Manchester	1.5	0.67	16	19
Southampton	6.2	0.00	16	23
St Andrews	7.3	0.28	14	19
Stornoway	2.8	0.28	9	15

Information supplied by Meteogroup

Moon and Sun

MOON rises: 8.37pm, sets: 10.08am
Sun rises London: 6.32am, sets: 7.20pm
Manchester rises: 6.38am, sets: 7.29pm

HIGH TIDE London Bridge: 4.45pm
Liverpool: 1.53pm

Extremes (24 hrs to 6pm y'day)
Warmest: St. James's Park, Greater London, 27c (81f). **Coldest:** Stornoway, Western Isles, 9c (48f). **Wettest:** Baltasound, Shetland, 0.98ins. **Sunniest:** East Malling, Kent, 7.6hrs.

Europe forecast

	today	c	f	tomorrow	c	f
Amsterdam	fair	21	70	fair	20	68
Brussels	rain	22	72	rain	16	61
Frankfurt	rain	21	70	thunder	22	72
Geneva	fair	29	84	thunder	24	75
Lisbon	thunder	24	75	thunder	23	73
Madrid	thunder	23	73	fair	24	75
Paris	thunder	27	81	thunder	24	75
Rome	sun	28	82	fair	29	84

Around the world yesterday

Noon local time

	weather	c	f
Algiers	Fair	39	102
Amsterdam	Fair	22	72
Athens	Sunny	30	86
Auckland	Cloudy	18	64
Bahrain	Sunny	44	111
Barcelona	Fair	30	86
Basra	Sunny	44	111
Beijing	Sunny	29	84
Beirut	Sunny	30	86
Belfast	Fair	16	61
Belgrade	Cloudy	22	72
Berlin	Fair	19	66
Biarritz	Fair	33	91
Brisbane	Cloudy	20	68
Brussels	Sunny	22	72
Bucharest	Sunny	24	75
Budapest	Fair	20	68
Cairo	Fair	32	90
Cape Town	Sunny	16	61
Casablanca	Fair	26	79
Copenhagen	Sunny	18	64
Corfu	Sunny	29	84
Dubai	Fair	39	102
Dublin	Drizzle	16	61
Dubrovnik	Sunny	25	77
Faro	Rain	21	70
Florence	Sunny	28	82
Geneva	Sunny	21	70
Gibraltar	Sunny	23	73
Guernsey	Fair	24	75
Helsinki	Sunny	16	61
Hong Kong	Fair	33	91
Innsbruck	Sunny	19	66
Istanbul	Showers	24	75
Jersey	Fair	24	75
Larnaca	Sunny	31	88
Las Palmas	Sunny	27	81
Lisbon	Rain	20	68
London	Fair	24	75
Los Angeles	Fair	29	84
Luxor	Sunny	36	97
Madrid	Fair	30	86
Malaga	Fair	28	82
Malta	Sunny	31	88
Melbourne	Cloudy	13	55
Mexico City	Fair	22	72
Miami	Cloudy	33	91
Milan	Sunny	26	79
Montreal	Cloudy	26	79
Moscow	Fair	11	52
Mumbai	Thunder	29	84
Nairobi	Fair	23	73
New Delhi	Fair	34	93
New York	Drizzle	23	73
Nice	Sunny	26	79
Oslo	Cloudy	15	59
Palma	Sunny	34	93
Paris	Fair	25	77
Perth	Sunny	24	75
Prague	Fair	19	66
Rhodes	Sunny	28	82
Riga	Cloudy	12	54
Rome	Sunny	28	82
Singapore	Showers	30	86
Stockholm	Fair	19	66
Strasbourg	Sunny	23	73
Sydney	Fair	19	66
Tangier	Fair	29	84
Tel Aviv	Sunny	31	88
Tenerife	Sunny	27	81
Tokyo	Drizzle	29	84
Toronto	Cloudy	23	73
Tunis	Sunny	32	90
Vancouver	Cloudy	25	77
Venice	Sunny	25	77
Vienna	Fair	19	66
Warsaw	Cloudy	13	55
Wellington	Fair	14	57

Our Lily... moving ode to the Queen by poet laureate

By **Vanessa Allen**

THE poet laureate Simon Armitage has written a moving tribute to the Queen as a 'token of thanks' for her decades of service.

The poem, entitled Floral Tribute, refers to the monarch carrying the country in 'slender hands... hands that can rest, now, relieved of a century's weight'.

The 18-line poem takes the form of a double acrostic, meaning the first letter of each line in both stanzas spells the name Elizabeth.

It starts by describing the coming of a September evening – a reference to the month of the Queen's death – and says the 'determined' late afternoon cannot delay nightfall.

The poet then describes a lily illuminating the darkness and says it is a 'token of thanks'.

Lily of the valley was the Queen's favourite flower and was included in her coronation bouquet in 1953. Her

'A promise made and kept for life'

childhood nickname was Lilibet and the poem also refers to lily of the valley as 'a namesake almost'.

The Queen chose it when the Royal Family shared their favourite blooms in 2020 after the pandemic forced the Chelsea Flower Show online.

Buckingham Palace said it had 'special associations' for the monarch since her coronation, and the sweet-scented flower also featured in Kate Middleton's wedding bouquet.

Often used to symbolise trustworthiness, the woodland plant is grown in the grounds at Buckingham Palace.

Mr Armitage refers to the Queen's coronation and her decades of service in the poem, writing: 'A promise made and kept for life – that was your gift.'

He continues: 'The country loaded its whole self into your slender hands,/ Hands that can rest, now, relieved of a century's weight.'

The second stanza begins with a reference to the Queen's death in Scotland: 'Evening has come. Rain on the black lochs and dark Munros.'

It pays tribute to her 'restrained zeal and forceful grace' and compares her to the lily of the valley, saying: 'Everything turns on these luminous petals and deep roots.'

It ends by suggesting the Queen's influence will last beyond her lifetime, as the lily's brightness 'holds and glows beyond the life and border of its bloom'. Mr Armitage, 59, has served as poet laureate since May 2019 and met the Queen once a year when she held audiences for the winner of her annual gold medal for poetry.

Earlier this year he wrote a 70-line poem, Queenhood, to mark her 70 years of service at the Platinum Jubilee. The poet, a former probation officer, also wrote an elegy for the death of the Duke of Edinburgh, The Patriarchs.

In an interview with The Times earlier this year, he said he had been 'won over by the Queen' and believed the nation needed the monarchy.

Floral Tribute

Evening will come, however determined the late afternoon,
Limes and oaks in their last green flush, pearled in September mist.
I have conjured a lily to light these hours, a token of thanks,
Zones and auras of soft glare framing the brilliant globes.
A promise made and kept for life – that was your gift –
Because of which, here is a gift in return, glovewort to some,
Each shining bonnet guarded by stern lance-like leaves.
The country loaded its whole self into your slender hands,
Hands that can rest, now, relieved of a century's weight.

Evening has come. Rain on the black lochs and dark Munros.
Lily of the Valley, a namesake almost, a favourite flower
Interlaced with your famous bouquets, the restrained
Zeal and forceful grace of its lanterns, each inflorescence
A silent bell disguising a singular voice. A blurred new day
Breaks uncrowned on remote peaks and public parks, and
Everything turns on these luminous petals and deep roots,
This lily that thrives between spire and tree, whose brightness
Holds and glows beyond the life and border of its bloom.

Simon Armitage
Poet Laureate



BBC axed Marr's obituary voiceover 'at last minute'

THE BBC removed Andrew Marr's voiceover from its special obituary programme for the Queen after he left for rival broadcaster LBC.

Marr's voice was taken off 'at the last minute' despite him updating the tribute over a number of years.

A Tribute To Her Majesty The Queen, which aired on BBC1 on Friday night, was broadcast after it had been re-recorded with Kirsty Young. BBC insiders

By **Paul Revoir**
Media Editor

insisted the corporation had only agreed to use Marr's voiceover up until the end of last month and that there had been a need to update the programme since then.

According to reports, Marr, 63, still believed last week that it would be broadcast with his voice on it. The BBC declined to comment.

Stores show respect with muted till beeps

By **Sean Poulter**
Consumer Affairs Editor

THE beeps have been turned down on till scanners at Morrisons as a mark of respect to the Queen.

The unusual move is part of a wider decision that has seen music and tannoy announcements turned off at its stores.

At other supermarkets, the normal upbeat selection of music has been switched to a more sombre playlist.

There is no official government advice on how retailers should behave during the period of mourning. Morrisons confirmed that till beeps have been turned down, but can still be heard.

Most chain stores will close on Monday as the funeral takes place, among them John Lewis, Waitrose, Homebase, Aldi, Apple and Primark. Harrods will also shut, with others expected to close from 10am to 2pm.

A sea of tributes at gates of Sandringham



Sea of love: Tributes at the Norwich Gates yesterday

THE gates of Sandringham have been overwhelmed by a sea of flowers after an estimated 30,000 mourners paid their respects at the late Queen's Norfolk residence in a single day.

Tributes started to build up by the Norwich Gates within 30 minutes of the monarch's death being announced on Thursday.

By yesterday morning there were thousands of bouquets of flowers, along with

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drawings, balloons, candles and soft toys. Lady Dannatt MBE, Lord-Lieutenant of Norfolk – King Charles III's representative in the county – was at the site of the tributes yesterday.

She told her local newspaper: 'It's completely overwhelming. I am absolutely blown away by the sheer number of floral tributes and the wonderfully poignant messages on each. I wish I could stay here for hours to read each and every one.

'I love the pictures of horses and the drawings by the children. It's the messages of love for Her Majesty The Queen which really hit hard and also the messages of great support for His Majesty The King.'

Lady Dannatt will head to London to see the Queen lying in state and will attend the Westminster Abbey funeral on Monday.

Notices outside the visitor centre state that Sandringham has entered an official period of royal mourning.

The Queen traditionally stayed at Sandringham every Christmas and winter until February 6, the anniversary of her father George VI. Her final visit was in July.

She was the longest-serving member of the local Women's Institute, having joined the Sandringham branch in 1943 and taken over as president there from the Queen Mother on her death in 2002.

Nation to fall silent

Public to unite in a 'shared moment of reflection' on Sunday at 8pm

By **Tom Witherow**

A MINUTE'S silence will be held across the country on Sunday in memory of the Queen, Downing Street has announced.

Britons are being invited to share in a 'national moment of reflection' either privately at home, with neighbours in the street, or at community events and vigils.

It means people may choose to gather on their doorsteps as they did during the early days of the pandemic to clap in support of those working in the NHS.

The silence, at 8pm on the eve of the state funeral, will be an opportunity to come together to 'mourn and reflect on the life and legacy' of the Queen, the Prime Minister's spokesman said.

Those living overseas are also being encouraged to take part at their local time.

The spokesman added: 'The silence can be marked privately at home on your own or with friends and neighbours, out on your doorstep or street with neighbours, or at any locally arranged community events and vigils.

'We encourage local community groups, clubs and other organisations to mark this moment of reflection. The shared national moment of reflection is an opportunity for everyone across the UK to mark the death of Her Majesty.'

Theatres in London and across the country will fall silent on Monday as performances are cancelled as a mark of respect. Hamilton and The Phantom of the Opera were among the biggest West End productions to announce cancellations yesterday. Other shows closing include Matilda The Musical, Moulin Rouge and Mary Poppins, and Les Miserables at Norwich Theatre Royal.

Classical concerts at the Royal Albert Hall and Cambridge's Corn Exchange have also been halted.

Black ties sell out at gentlemen's stores

BLACK ties are selling out as well-heeled men rush to buy traditional mourning attire to show their respect for Queen Elizabeth II.

Artisans at Turnbull and Asser, shirt maker to King Charles III, have been diverted to making only black ties as it anticipates high demand to continue before the arrival of the Queen's coffin in London and her lying-in-state.

The firm had sold out of standard black ties at its Jermyn Street shop in London yesterday.

Store manager James Cook said there was a rush of customers from surrounding gentlemen's clubs and offices after news of the Queen's poor health broke on Thursday, adding: 'The great and the good were coming in, wanting to be prepared.'

Demand had surpassed levels seen when Princess Diana and Prince Philip died, he said.

At Hawes and Curtis in Jermyn Street, a store worker said yesterday it had sold out of black ties within an hour on Thursday and was still waiting for new stock to arrive.

Harvie and Hudson, also in Jermyn Street, said it was trying to get more black ties from Italy, adding diplomats and MPs had been visiting to buy them since Thursday afternoon.

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COMMENT

King must show our Union is in safe hands

IT was an extraordinary and deeply moving spectacle.

The new King, resplendent in military regalia, walked solemnly with his siblings behind the Queen's coffin, on its journey along Edinburgh's Royal Mile to a thanksgiving service for her remarkable life.

Ahead of the cortege, a piper from Balmoral played a haunting lament. Soldiers flanking the hearse wore flashes of tartan. Cannons boomed out a sorrowful salute to our departed but much-loved sovereign.

Nobody does pageantry better than the British Royal Family, and it was fitting that this display of pomp and ceremony was rich with Scottish symbolism.

Elizabeth II adored this proud country, and its people adored her. Thousands lined the cobbled streets to pay their respects, in both appreciation of her selfless service and a profound sense of loss at her passing.

This outpouring of shared grief and gratitude has been echoed across Britain. As Dominic Sandbrook wrote in yesterday's Daily Mail, 'from the peaks of the Highlands to the coast of Cornwall, we've been reminded of all the things we have in common'.

But with our longest-serving monarch gone, this is a moment of peril. Those who want, for coarse political reasons, to splinter this country will be re-energised.

Separatists in Scotland and Wales will seek to exploit the fact there is a relative novice on the throne to pile on the pressure for independence. Nationalists in Northern Ireland will clamour more loudly for Irish reunification.

So on this week's tour of the four nations, King Charles must use his considerable diplomatic skills to build on the huge goodwill towards the monarchy that his mother generated over her lifetime, and reassure the public the Union will not only be safe, but positively thrive in his hands.

Of course, the Queen's own immaculately judged intervention in the Scottish independence debate in 2014 – that people should 'think very carefully' before voting – is credited with persuading the electorate to preserve the UK. Charles – now the very embodiment of the Union – must work hard to avoid the destruction of history's most successful partnership.

There are, however, heartening signs that it – and the monarchy's place at its helm – has been strengthened by the succession.

By dying at Balmoral, the Queen's people north of the border have had a chance to say their final goodbyes in person.

An additional lying-in-state in Edinburgh means they can grieve for her properly, rather than feeling shunned at having to peer 500 miles south to events in London.

Even the SNP has acknowledged over these sad few days that Scotland is 'absolutely central' to the UK's constitution – a far cry from its usual grumbling that it is a downtrodden nation with no influence.

Earlier yesterday, Charles addressed MPs and Peers in 1,000-year-old Westminster Hall. Didn't it show the unifying power of the monarchy that politicians, normally at their opponents' throats, were enjoying each other's company?

And the ceremony reminded us that we live in a parliamentary democracy. The sovereign is head of state but sovereignty remains with Parliament – an arrangement that has served the Union well for more than 300 years.

Time to change track?

THE vast numbers of mourners who stood respectfully by Scotland's roadsides to see the Queen begin her final poignant journey starkly illustrated two things.

First, the huge affection in which this most beloved monarch was held. And second, the missteps of the authorities in deciding to fly her body back to London.

Carrying it by Royal Train would have allowed many more people to line the route and say farewell directly to a sovereign who touched all our lives. Is it really too late for the funeral planners to change their minds?

The SNP hoped the Queen's loss would be fatal for the Union. But this week is their greatest setback for a generation



by Tom Harris

FOR a perfect illustration of the chaos into which the cause of Scottish independence has been plunged since the death of the Queen, consider these two quotations.

In January, Nicola Sturgeon claimed to her fellow MSPs that Scotland was being treated like 'something on the sole of Westminster's shoe'.

It was a typically ungracious remark from a woman who — however much she imagines herself as an international stateswoman — often resorts to petty political mudslinging.

Jump forward to the shock of the Queen's death last week, however, and Ms Sturgeon's deputy, John Swinney, found himself uttering words that I never thought I'd hear from a separatist's lips.

In an interview on Sunday, Swinney — an avowed nationalist — referred to Scotland's 'central constitutional position within the United Kingdom'.

Respect

He continued that 'right at the heart' of the Accession Council in London was 'the significance of Scotland's place within the Union'.

Well said that man!

The truth is that the SNP is deeply split on the issue of the monarchy — and even they cannot deny that Scotland plays a key role when it comes to such weighty matters of the British state as the accession of a new King or Queen.

What's more, when Scots gather around the throne that they share with the English, support for independence seems to wane. This has been obvious in recent days.

Look at the pictures in today's Mail of the Scots who turned out in their thousands yesterday to line Edinburgh's Royal Mile and pay their respects to both their late Queen and their new King and his family.

Or consider the extraordinary scenes on Sunday as, for 175 miles and over six hours, grieving Scots lined the roads as Her Majesty began that long journey south.

Scots of all ages and social backgrounds rushed to catch a glimpse of the hearse carrying the Queen's coffin — with hardly a protester in sight.

The truth — which Sturgeon and her ilk surely know — is that both north and south of the border we have witnessed a glorious and heartening groundswell of love for the monarchy in recent days.

And this shatters the vain hopes of those nationalists who believed the Queen's death would somehow deal a fatal blow to the Union itself.

The outpouring of affection for the late Queen and King Charles is a setback for Sturgeon and Co, who had — until this week — hoped to downplay the issue of the monarchy in their life's work to secure an independent Scotland.

Some nationalists support the monarchy while others do not. Exposing these tensions is a crucial approach for unionists.

But supporters of the Union should take heart: this week is shaping up to be the greatest setback for the Scottish independence movement in a generation.

Back in 2014, just before Scots voted by 55 to 45 per cent to remain in the Union, the SNP promised that the Queen would continue as head of state in an independent Scotland.

There was, naturally, wailing from some quarters of the party that this represented a betrayal of the republican cause. How *could* Scotland, they demanded, be both separate from the Union *and* retain the Crown?

They betrayed their own ignorance, of course. The British monarchy long predates the political union of Scotland and England.

It was a Scottish king, James VI (known as James I in England) who was invited to sit on the English throne in 1603, in what became known as the 'Union of the Crowns'.

The *political* union — when the Scottish and English parliaments merged — came a century later in 1707.

So the shared monarchy has been an unbroken link between Scotland and England since the time of Shakespeare: a history Britain surrenders at its peril.

What's more, all the signs are that, contrary to what the most fanatical SNP activists may say, Charles is proving just as popular north of the border as his mother was.

Needless to say, most Scots recognise that the King's Scottish roots are strong and deep. And his devotion to Scotland and its people is equally fierce — as exemplified in 2007, when the then Prince of Wales bought and saved the great Palladian Dumfries House in Ayrshire as a gift to the nation.

Scotland has always been deeply special to the House of Windsor — and the Scottish people appreciate that.

Kinship

It is hugely significant, for example, that the Queen took her last breath in the comfort of her favourite home, Balmoral Castle.

Sturgeon, canny as ever, recognises all this — and does not want to alienate the millions of Scots who value the monarchy.

Yesterday, the First Minister even conducted the first reading at the service of prayer and reflection for the Queen in Edinburgh's St Giles' Cathedral.

But she is playing a difficult balancing act.

The fact is that the longer the Scots feel a kinship with the monarch they share with the UK's three other nations, the more they feel a subconscious but powerful tie to that Union.

So, in the wake of the Queen's death, how close is Scotland to breaking away?

Earlier this year, Sturgeon announced that she would fight to hold a second referendum in October 2023. A ruling by the Supreme Court in London on whether the SNP has the legal right to hold such a contest is imminent.

If, as seems likely, the court rules that the UK's constitution is an issue for Westminster, Sturgeon will surely face a pivotal — perhaps existential — moment for her leadership.

New Prime Minister Liz Truss has made it clear she will reject a bid for 'Indyref2'.

Assuming this is how it pans out, Sturgeon will have a decision to make.

Desperate

Will she concede what she is thought to have been told long ago by Scottish government lawyers but refused to admit publicly: that her repeated promises to her supporters of a second referendum were worthless? This would be political suicide.

Or will she revert to her Plan B, and unilaterally declare the next UK general election — expected in just two years — as a de facto referendum on independence?

Many Scots would not tolerate such fast and loose nationalist game-playing — but her desperate position might offer her no alternatives.

Certainly, time is not on her side. And the Queen's death has renewed appreciation in Scotland for the great *shared* traditions and history with our neighbours south of the border.

It was Her Majesty's mission to unite us: to 'think very carefully', as she put it, about independence.

Yet Nicola Sturgeon seeks to divide us.

The Queen's last gift to us all may be that we witness Sturgeon fail.

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At last we see the real Anne – full of love for her Mama

DON'T worry, this isn't going to be another one of those 'The Queen Who Met Me' pieces. Although I did meet her once, at the 150th anniversary of the Journalists' Charity, of which she was patron.

I was in a receiving line, along with other ambassadors for the charity, standing next to my old mate Nick Ferrari, the peerless LBC radio breakfast show presenter.

Nick, an ardent monarchist, was so overcome with excitement at meeting Her Maj that he actually curtsied. He squatted so low that I worried he might have trouble getting up again.

The Queen had that effect on people. Even though I've never been much of a royalist, it was an honour to shake her hand. I remember thinking how much she reminded me of my own mum. Same height, similar demeanour, some of the same facial expressions.

It was an impression that only increased, every time I saw the Queen on TV, as they both got older and entered their tenth decade.

Mum was a couple of years younger, but they were from the same generation and at least superficially cut from the same cloth. Although from vastly different backgrounds, they shared many attributes — love of family and country, selflessness and a wicked sense of humour.

Even though my father's job took her to America 46 years ago, Mum never gave up her British citizenship and made it home as often as she could. Like most of those who had endured the deprivations and dangers of World War II, she admired the Royal Family in general and the Queen in particular.

When Mum died in March, I had to dash the 3,800 miles to Detroit. Fortunately, I made it in time to spend precious hours at her bedside before she passed away peacefully.

So I can understand what the Queen's children went through as they raced to Balmoral. At least Charles and Anne were with her at the end.

What made me think back to Nick's reaction on meeting the Queen was that picture of Anne curtsying as her mother's coffin was carried into the Palace of Holyroodhouse in Edinburgh.

TO MY mind, it was the most poignant and moving image of the past, terribly sad few days. It illustrated a side of the Princess Royal that we have rarely, if ever, seen before.

Her face was racked with grief, understandably, after having endured not just the difficult days since her beloved Mama died, but an agonising six-hour road trip behind the royal hearse from Balmoral. The Queen had specifically requested that the Princess accompanied her on her final journey, an indication of the towering regard in which she held her daughter.

Photographs taken en route show a tearful Anne, lost in thought. It was not the Princess to whom we have become accustomed over the years.

We are used to seeing her with her game face on, faithfully carrying out an exhausting schedule of public engagements — more than any other member of the family. Occasionally, the mask has slipped, for instance when telling over-intrusive photographers to 'Naff 'orf'.

But I can't recall ever seeing her display much emotion. She's tougher than the rest.

She has never succumbed to the temptation of indulging in self-serving, soul-searching television interviews or collaborating on tell-all memoirs.

Heaven knows she must have been horrified when her late sister-in-law co-operated with Andrew Morton and sat down to spill the beans with the BBC's Martin Bashir. We can only imagine how appalled she must be at the money-grubbing antics of her ingrate nephew Harry and his ghastly bit-part actress wife.

In yesterday's Daily Mail, royal confidant Gyles Brandreth revealed that Anne was shocked when Charles effectively told Jonathan Dimbleby in 1994 that their mother was remote and uncaring.

She leapt to the Queen's defence, insisting: 'I'm not going to speak for anyone else but I simply don't believe there is any evidence to suggest that she wasn't caring. It beggars belief.

'I don't believe any of us, for a second, thought she didn't care for us in the same way any other mother did.'

It is not recorded what she said to her brother behind closed doors, but 'Naff 'orf' would likely have been the half of it.

So it was heartening to read Nick Constable in The Mail on Sunday reporting that Charles and Anne are now closer than ever.

I claim no special insight into the royals, but those who are in the know say the Princess was the constant in the Queen's life, especially since Prince Philip died.

That figures, certainly based on my own experience. There's a bond between mother and daughter that a son, no matter how close to his mum, simply can't replicate.

From the moment my father died 27 years ago, my younger sister Vivienne became my mother's rock. Her strength and stay, so to speak.

In later years, as Mum's health deteriorated, they moved in together. Viv became her full-time carer, at the same time as holding down a responsible job. When Covid kept us apart for more than 18 months, I was comforted to know that Viv was looking after Mum, beyond the call of duty.

OK, SO we were separated by nearly 4,000 miles. But even if Mum had lived 400 yards away from me in London, I still couldn't have cared for her in the same way only a daughter could.

I'm sure the Queen adored her four children equally, but she is lucky to have had a daughter with whom she shared not only her love of horses and the countryside, but was also someone who could share her more intimate concerns and confidences.

King Charles III knows he can depend on his sister's undying support as he faces the multiple challenges ahead in his new role as sovereign.

Similarly, I'd like to think that my mother's passing brought my sister and me closer together, too. I will be eternally grateful for everything Vivienne did for Mum, just as I am sure Charles hugely appreciates Anne's devotion to their dear Mama.

To have such wonderful sisters is to be truly blessed. Just don't expect me to curtsy.

OVERSEAS dignitaries attending the funeral are being asked not to bring their private jets and limos and take the bus.

I can't see Joe Biden leaving Air Force One and The Beast at home.

Still, you never know. He used to travel to work in Washington D.C. by train. Perhaps we could give him an off-peak, OAP's London Transport lobster card.

Creepy Uncle Joe could catch the No 88 from the U.S. ambassador's residence to Westminster Abbey. We could make him an honorary Twirly — the name given to pensioners who turn up at the bus stop before 9.30am and ask the driver: 'Am I too early?'

AS MENTIONED elsewhere, I've never been much of a monarchist. I started to change my mind about 25 years ago when the prospect of President Blair and the Wicked Witch bouncing around on the balcony of Buck House filled me with horror. The Queen's 70 years of impeccable service have helped to convince me, as Churchill once said about democracy: Constitutional monarchy is the worst form of government — except for all the others that have been tried.

After years of grey austerity, Britain's dazzling young Queen gave hope to a war-weary nation. Now, launching a compelling new series, historian DOMINIC SANDBROOK charts how her reign has moulded, reflected and embraced a country that's changed beyond recognition

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MONARCH WHO SHAPED OUR LIVES

1945-1964



by DOMINIC SANDBROOK

BY THE end of World War II, Princess Elizabeth was 19. With her chain-smoking father in poor health, it was little wonder that, more than ever, people now looked on her as a monarch-in-waiting.

And it was hardly surprising, either, that gossip focused on the identity of her future husband. With her good looks — let alone her pedigree and prospects — Elizabeth was an obvious catch. But as a serious, slightly detached girl, she had never gone in for the kind of teenage flirtations for which her younger sister became famous.

Only one man ever caught her eye. He was the tall, handsome Philip of Greece, five years her senior, whose family had been banished from the war-torn Mediterranean country when he was a child. For much of his life, Philip had been a royal exile, drifting from one European private school to another.

But although most of his ancestors were German, he had several familial connections to the British Royal Family and had spent time at schools in England and Scotland.

In the war, he had served in the Royal Navy, seeing action in the Mediterranean and the Pacific.

Some courtiers disapproved of his turbulent background, direct manner and modernising ethos; there were snobbish murmurs that he was 'not a gentleman'.

But as Philip had the backing of Elizabeth's influential cousin Louis Mountbatten — who was also his uncle — the momentum behind the union became unstoppable.

In the summer of 1946, Philip asked George VI for his daughter's hand — and the monarch agreed, provided that they waited until she turned 21 the following year.

In the meantime, Elizabeth made her first foreign tour, visiting South Africa.

There, on her 21st birthday, she gave a memorable radio address to the Empire, promising her future people 'that my whole life, whether it be long or short, shall be devoted to your service'. It sounded like the standard political rhetoric. In fact, it came from the heart and, as events were to prove, Elizabeth meant every word.

Churchill was besotted with his new sovereign

She returned home to a buzz of excitement. Her wedding was scheduled for November 20, 1947, at Westminster Abbey and, although the weather was bitterly cold, the day was a triumphant success.

Post-war austerity meant that it was less lavish than previous royal weddings. Even so, Elizabeth wore a Norman Hartnell dress of clinging ivory silk decorated with tiny pearls, while there were no fewer than 11 cakes, with the biggest standing 9ft high.

The couple honeymooned in Hampshire and Balmoral, and in the first months of 1948, Elizabeth became pregnant.

To many of Buckingham Palace's old guard, her husband seemed disturbingly modern. Breezily intolerant of cant or humbug, Philip had little time for many of the tired rituals of royal protocol.

Later, the Press seized on his irreverent remarks on foreign tours, even though his hosts almost invariably saw the funny side.

Yet Philip's contribution to his wife's success is beyond doubt. He was her partner, her essential supporter and her confidant — her consort in every sense.

Like most men of his generation, though, he drew the line at some things. When Elizabeth went into labour in November 1948, her husband went off to play squash on the Buckingham Palace court.

Only when she had been delivered of a son — Charles — was Philip summoned to congratulate his wife and take a look at his heir.

For the next two years, the little family spent much of their time in Malta, where Philip was serving as a naval officer. In August 1950, Charles was joined by a little sister, Anne.

But as George VI's health continued to decline, Elizabeth must have realised that her accession was rapidly approaching.

In September 1951, her father was diagnosed with lung cancer. Elizabeth dutifully agreed to tour Canada and the U.S. on his behalf, and President Truman hailed her as a 'fairy princess'.

In the New Year she left on another tour, heading first to East Africa. In Kenya she and her husband stayed at Treetops lodge, built in the branches of a fig tree, where she spent the evening watching baboons and rhinoceroses.

The next day, on February 6, Elizabeth left for the Sagana royal lodge, in the foothills of Mount Kenya. It was there, shortly after lunch, that one of her party, Mike Parker, switched on the radio and heard the news from London.

George VI had died in his sleep. At the age of just 25, Elizabeth was Queen. Although she never spoke of the moment when she found out, it must have been a terrible shock. In that instant, not only did she lose her father, she also assumed a responsibility of awe-inspiring proportions.

What astonished many people, though, was her unflappable self-possession. 'I'm so sorry, we've got to go back,' she said to her officials. 'I've ruined everybody's trip.'

They flew back to London in silence. Every now and again Elizabeth left her seat, and some of her officials thought she had been crying.

Waiting on the Tarmac were the most powerful men in the land, including the Prime Minister, Winston Churchill, as well as the Labour leader, Clement Attlee.

That night, addressing the nation, Churchill looked forward to a new Elizabethan Age. 'Famous have been the reigns of our Queens,' he said grandly. 'Some of the greatest periods in our history have unfolded under their sceptre.' His words set the tone for the start of Elizabeth II's reign.

Across the world, millions were fascinated by pictures of the solemn young Queen.

Churchill, who was besotted with his new sovereign, told a friend: 'All the film people in the world, if they had scoured the globe, could not have found anyone so suited to the part.'

After years of greyness, deprivation and austerity, Britain's new Queen seemed to symbolise a better, brighter future.

Commentators talked of a new Elizabethan Age, an age of technological innovation and a cultural renaissance.

At Elizabeth's coronation on June 2, 1953, millions lined the streets of London, cheering and waving their flags despite the pouring rain.

Even more significantly — especially for the long-term future of the monarchy — the sales of new television sets doubled in the month before the coronation.

On the big day, some 27 million people watched at least several hours of the BBC's reverential black-and-white coverage. It was a national spectacle like no other. Perhaps no public event in British history ever captured the popular imagination like the coronation. Sales of flags, banners and memorabilia went through the roof.

The day even gave the country a new national dish — coronation chicken, an Anglo-Indian recipe invented especially for the Palace banquet by the food writer Constance Spry and the chef Rosemary Hume.

For Elizabeth, however, the coronation was a deeply personal

The pressures of mass media and the cult of celebrity grew during her reign



than age

Beloved: Clockwise from main, Elizabeth after her father's death; dancing with President Kwame Nkrumah in Ghana; and with Philip, Charles and Anne

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and spiritual experience. All her life she had been, and would remain, a committed Christian.

To this serious young woman, the moment when the Archbishop of Canterbury, Geoffrey Fisher, anointed her with oil and placed the crown on her head was the moment she dedicated herself, body and soul, to the service of her people.

In the first years of her reign, it seemed that Elizabeth and her family could do no wrong. In 1953 and 1954, she toured the world for six months, becoming the first reigning British monarch to visit Australia and New Zealand.

It was on this tour that observers first noticed what courtiers called the 'smiling problem'.

No public figure in history had been expected to wave and make small talk to so many thousands of people. And though, to her immense credit, Elizabeth never put a foot wrong in public, even she found the experience wearying.

Indeed, sometimes crowds noted that she looked a little downbeat, especially at the end of the day.

'It's awful,' the Queen said. 'I've got the kind of face that if I'm not smiling, I look cross. But I'm not cross.

'If you try to smile for two hours continuously it gives you a nervous tic. But the moment I stop smiling, somebody will see me and say "Doesn't she look cross?"'

After returning from her tour, she welcomed a new Prime Minister — Anthony Eden, who replaced Churchill — and grappled with a thorny family dilemma.

Elizabeth's flighty little sister Margaret had fallen in love with Group Captain Peter Townsend, a decorated RAF officer who was already divorced with two sons.

Many old Palace hands argued that it would be unconscionable for the monarch's sister to marry a divorcee — which would mean marrying outside the Church of England.

The shadow of the accession, which had cast such a blight over Elizabeth's parents' lives, seemed to have returned.

When the Press got hold of the story, the speculation became unbearable. At last, in October 1955, Margaret decided to renounce her dashing Captain.

Although she later married the photographer Antony Armstrong-Jones, the liaison was not a success, and her increasingly erratic behaviour would become a considerable embarrassment to the Palace.

It was a sign, though, of the new pressures of mass media and the cult of celebrity, which would only grow as Elizabeth's reign continued.

The magic of monarchy lay in its paradoxical combination of remoteness and accessibility. But with the birth of television and the emergence of a less deferential media culture, this would become a harder trick to pull off.

For the time being, Elizabeth seemed to have come through the crisis unscathed. But the episode was a sign of the conservative atmosphere at the Palace, which often infuriated Philip, who saw himself as a moderniser.

'What am I doing here?' he would sometimes exclaim to friends after some new snub by the older courtiers. 'Why am I here?'

It was Philip, for example, who argued for Charles and Anne to go to school. At the time this was seen as a startlingly forward-thinking move, even though the schools concerned — Cheam and Gordonstoun for Charles and Benenden for Anne — were hardly the kind of establishments frequented by most ordinary boys and girls.

'At Balmoral, they were a normal, ordinary couple'

Contrary to the caricatures, though, Elizabeth and Philip were devoted parents. A friend told one of the Queen's biographers, the historian Ben Pimlott: 'At Balmoral, they were a very normal, ordinary, country-loving couple with two small children.'

And despite their elevated status, Elizabeth and her husband did manage to have some semblance of an ordinary life.

During those first years of her reign, they would even slip out to the cinema sometimes, always arriving just as the lights went down.

On one memorable occasion, they found themselves sitting behind a delegation of visiting Russian miners, who could barely believe their eyes when the interval arrived, the ice-cream sellers came out and the lights went up.

Yet the times were changing. The Empire, which people of Elizabeth's generation had once taken for granted, was breaking up.

In 1956, Eden's gamble to restore British prestige by recapturing the Suez Canal was a disaster and, when he resigned, the Queen effectively surrendered her royal prerogative to pick his successor, meekly accepting the Tory grandees' recommendation of Harold Macmillan.

Both her father and grandfather had been men with openly Tory

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opinions. But Elizabeth was careful to give nothing away.

Some critics were beginning to chafe at the Palace's institutional conservatism.

The journalist Malcolm Muggeridge warned in 1955 that many people felt that 'the whole show is utterly out of hand'. And two years later, the historian John Grigg provoked controversy when he wrote that the Queen's speechwriters made her sound like a 'priggish schoolgirl' and a 'pain in the neck'.

For the time being, though, Elizabeth basked in popular approval. In 1957 she gave her first televised Christmas broadcast, and her accent was noticeably more clipped in those early days than it later became.

Abroad she was a star. The Americans, in particular, loved her, and she reciprocated their affection. In 1960, while awaiting the birth of her third child, Andrew, she amused herself by sending President Eisenhower a recipe for drop scones.

By now her commitment to the newly independent countries of the Commonwealth, as well as her lack of the slightest racial prejudice, was already apparent.

Visiting Ghana in 1961, she

'An example of what home and family mean'

was photographed dancing cheerfully with President Kwame Nkrumah, a fierce critic of Western imperialism.

In apartheid South Africa, which had withdrawn from the Commonwealth, newspapers were horrified to see 'the honoured head of the once mighty British Empire dancing with the black natives of pagan Africa'.

In the long run, though, moments like this did the Queen's image tremendous good. Even though most of her subjects were largely indifferent, she manifestly loved the international family of the Commonwealth and took it enormously seriously.

Her own family, meanwhile, continued to expand. In 1964 she had a fourth child, Edward. The Archbishop of Canterbury, Michael Ramsey, declared that Britain was lucky to have 'around the throne a Christian family united, happy and setting to all an example of what the words "home and family" most truly mean'.

But the times were changing. In the heady climate of the 1960s, many people would come to question the values of home and family — as well as Christianity itself.

And as the culture of deference receded, not even the monarchy itself would be safe from criticism.



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How simmering soup made Lou Reed boil over

ONE of the lessons to be learned from the reign of Queen Elizabeth II is that no matter how long we live, or how many people we meet, or how far we travel, none of us will ever know everything.

A few years ago, a friend of mine told me a story about the Queen visiting friends in Norfolk for a quiet dinner. She had never been to their house before. A few weeks later, she met relations of her hosts and told them how much she had enjoyed the dinner and seeing their home. 'It was really most unusual,' she added, 'they don't have a separate dining room, and eat all their meals in the kitchen. I've certainly never seen *that* before!'



So, before this particular dinner, which took place not all that long ago, Her Majesty had never been entertained in a kitchen. Perhaps this is not so surprising. After all, her very close friends were, for the most part, aristocratic, or, at least, 'old money'. Most of them would no more have a kitchen-cum-dining-room than they would have a karaoke machine or a spray-on fake tan.

Rich or poor, young or old, each of us harbours a gap in our knowledge, set to embarrass us.

The moody rock star Lou Reed projected an image of the man who knew it all, the world-weary grandfather of punk. But he, too, suffered from at least one startling shortfall in his education.

Well into his 60s, he ordered his technician to install an Apple PowerBook in each room of his penthouse, and to connect all of them to the internet. A short time later, he rang the technician at three in the morning, clearly distressed. 'Let me talk to your wife,' he barked.

The technician told Reed's biographer that 'he had never expressed any interest whatever in meeting my wife, talking to my wife, never inquired about my home life. He wasn't interested in anyone's life, past what they were doing with him at that moment.'

He told Lou Reed that she was asleep. This response inspired the sound of deep, aggressive breathing from the other end of the phone — a sure sign that Reed was in a fury. Suddenly, Reed yelled, 'These computers you put in are total f****** s***!'"

His technician was used to such outbursts. 'You had to be careful with him. You couldn't say, "Calm down." It was always a circuitous route to get to where you wanted to be.' Instead, he let Reed go on ranting, then said: 'Let's get specific, what is it technically that's not working?'

Still furious, Reed explained that he had been searching high and low for a word in the digital version of the Oxford English Dictionary, but couldn't find it. 'I'm trying to look something up, and it's not in there!'

The technician knew that Lou Reed prided himself on his intellect, and was desperate not to embarrass him. 'You couldn't insult his intelligence,' he recalled. 'That was the worst possible thing you could possibly do.'

Instead, he asked, very tentatively, 'What are you trying to look up?'

'The word "simmer" is not in here.'

'I'm pretty sure that is in there. Why are you trying to look that up?'

'I'm trying to make a can of soup, and it says, "to simmer". What exactly does it mean?'

Through needing to know the meaning of 'simmer' and, furthermore, imagining that only a woman would have the answer, Reed — widely considered the most cutting-edge of all rock stars — had revealed not only his ignorance but his old-fashioned chauvinism.

THE young are no wiser. In her first term at university, my daughter encountered a fellow student who was bemused at the way that his girlfriend — another student — was always skiving off to the cinema in the middle of the day, when she was meant to be getting on with her studies.

'Every time I ask her where she's off to, she says the same thing — "a cinema",' he complained.

'I can't understand it — she's always claiming she works hard, but she can't stop going to cinemas!'

It was some time before the truth finally emerged: he had somehow arrived at university without ever having heard the word 'seminar'.

This meant that whenever his girlfriend said she was going to a seminar, he took it to mean that she was dashing off to see the latest film at the cinema.

What a caper! Daring Emma steals the show



Chic co-stars: Emma Corrin and Harry Styles at the premiere

EMMA Corrin proved an arresting sight arriving for the premiere of My Policeman in a revealing body suit and long flowing cape.

The 26-year-old actress teamed the high-cut design by Miu Miu with sheer tights and towering heels.

The Crown star thanked stylist Harry Lambert for the 'special custom concoction' at the event in Toronto. Co-star Harry Styles, 28, known for his outlandish taste in fashion, plumped for Gucci, with dark green blazer, lighter green trousers and a matching handbag.

By **Emma Powell**
Deputy Showbusiness News Editor

Last week he was at the Venice premiere of his other film Don't Worry Darling when the drama centred on how his romance with director Olivia Wilde sparked tensions with co-star Florence Pugh.

In My Policeman, Miss Corrin plays the wife of Styles' character as the constable embarks on a forbidden same-sex affair with a museum curator in 1950s Brighton. Based on the 2012 novel of the same name, it is due out in the UK on October 21.

Smoked salmon food poisoning risk for over-65s

By **Xantha Leatham**
Science Correspondent

OLDER people and pregnant women should avoid smoked fish because of a rare chance of getting listeria food poisoning, experts have warned.

Ready-to-eat smoked fish, such as smoked salmon, can harbour bacteria that causes listeriosis.

In most people, listeriosis has no symptoms or only causes minor problems such as aches and pains or diarrhoea.

But for babies, older people or those with a weakened immune system, listeriosis can lead to serious and life-threatening problems such as sepsis or meningitis.

And getting listeriosis while pregnant could cause a miscarriage or stillbirth.

There have been 14 recorded cases of listeriosis since 2020, eight of them since January this year as part of an ongoing outbreak in the UK, the Food Standards Agency (FSA) said.

The majority of these people – one of whom was pregnant – had reported eating ready-to-eat smoked fish. Cases have been identified in England and Scotland. The agency is now warning those over the age of 65, pregnant women, and those with underlying medical conditions such as cancer or who have weakened immune systems to make sure smoked fish is thoroughly cooked before eating it.



Cooking smoked fish until it is steaming hot should kill any dangerous bacteria, making it safe for anyone to eat, the FSA said.

Dr Caroline Handford, acting head of incidents at the FSA, said: 'While the risks to the general public of becoming seriously ill due to listeria are very low, we need people who are vulnerable – specifically those over 65, pregnant women and people with weakened immune systems – to be aware of the ongoing risks of consuming ready to eat smoked fish.

'If anyone from these groups is eating ready-to-eat smoked fish, we are reminding them of the advice to ensure that it is thoroughly cooked before they eat it including when served as part of a dish.

'People can also further reduce the risk by keeping chilled ready-to-eat smoked fish cold – 5C (41F) or below – always using products by their use-by date, following the storage instructions on the label, and cooking it until it is piping hot right through.'

Professor Saheer Gharbia, a food safety specialist at the UK Health Security Agency, which was also involved in investigating the outbreak, said: 'Most people won't have any symptoms of the infection or will only experience mild symptoms such as abdominal pain or diarrhoea, which usually pass within a few days without the need for treatment.

'However, some are at higher risk of much more serious illness.'



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Truss vows to go ahead with emergency Budget

By **Harriet Line** and **Jason Groves**

LIZ Truss will press ahead with plans for an emergency tax-cutting Budget this month despite the suspension of Parliament.

Speculation had been rife at Westminster that the Budget could be delayed because of the Queen's death.

But No10 said yesterday the new Prime Minister will still hold it this month. She is expected to proceed with her Tory leadership campaign pledges to reverse this year's controversial rise in national insurance and scrap a planned hike in corporation tax.

Parliament, which is currently suspended for mourning, had been due to go into recess on September 22 to allow political party conferences to go ahead. King Charles has announced that a period of mourning will continue for seven days after the Queen's funeral on September 19.

But No10 said yesterday that Government business would not be affected by this. The PM's spokesman said Government activity would 'return to a more normal drumbeat' after the Queen is laid to rest. He added: 'We are still planning to deliver a fiscal event this month.'

Miss Truss is also hoping to visit New York for next week's United Nations General Assembly, leaving only a narrow window to hold the Budget. No10 refused to say whether it would now be held on Thursday September 22.

Ministers have also discussed holding it on September 23 or even recalling MPs at the end of the month. But sources said it would not take place during the Labour Party conference, which is due to run from September 25 to 28.

The PM's spokesman said no extra legislation was needed to press ahead with the plan to freeze household energy bills at £2,500 this winter in England, Scotland and Wales. He added: 'The public can be reassured that the energy price guarantee will come in on October 1.' But households in Northern Ireland and businesses across the UK face an anxious wait to discover when help will arrive and what form it will take. The spokesman said: 'There isn't a date set for the business support element of the guarantee. We're working that through. It hasn't been impacted by the mourning period, as I understand.'

Calls for Parliament to meet to tackle the cost-of-living crisis before the end of the party conference season were led by veteran Tory MP Sir John Redwood.

He said: 'After mourning a much-loved Queen and the state funeral, Parliament should meet. The current plan for a long conference recess means a delayed return on October 17. We need to tackle the cost-of-living crisis and energy shortage before then.' Meanwhile, Miss Truss is expected to retain Simon Case as Cabinet Secretary – despite reports claiming she planned to replace him. She is said to have been impressed by him in talks about forming her new Government and designing the energy package.

■ The UK economy made a small return to growth in July, with gross domestic product expanding by 0.2 per cent after a 0.6 per cent contraction a month earlier, the Office for National Statistics said. However, economists said the lacklustre figure may not be enough to help dodge a recession.



'On second thoughts let's not pull out the Aga'

Oh no! Fuel bills soar... so the Aga's got to go

By **Sean Poulter**
Consumer Affairs Editor

AGA range cookers are being ditched by their middle class owners who say they are too costly to run at a time of soaring energy bills.

Oven engineers around the country report a rush of requests to have them removed. Even those with modern electric models are finding the cast-iron stoves are guzzling energy.

While they do provide background heat for the home, some estimates suggest they typically cost 30 times more for cooking than a conventional cooker.

The Aga, designed in Sweden, is made in Telford, Shropshire. A company spokesman said the ovens have evolved to ensure they are more efficient.

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Ukraine troops outnumber the invaders 8 to 1



Clearing up: A Ukrainian soldier with abandoned Russian rocket launchers

UKRAINE took back more territory from invading forces yesterday amid horrific reports that fleeing Russian soldiers had tortured and murdered civilians.

Vladmir Putin's troops were driven from more than 20 settlements in 24 hours in a lightning advance in the north-eastern Kharkiv region.

It has left Moscow's army in disarray as

By **James Franey**
Europe Correspondent

Russian soldiers – outnumbered eight to one – fled to Donbas, Ukraine's occupied eastern industrial heartland.

The Ukrainian regional prosecutor's office said that after the village of Zaliznychne was recaptured, residents reported Russian troops had killed fellow villagers.

'On September 11, law enforcement officers discovered four bodies. All of them show signs of torture,' the prosecutors said on social media.

Early in the invasion, Russian troops killed hundreds in towns and villages they occupied in their failed advance on Kyiv.

Unusually, the scale of Moscow's latest humiliation has been acknowledged by those backing its invasion.

Vitaly Ganchev, a Kremlin-installed official in the Kharkiv region, told Russian state TV 'the situation is becoming more difficult by the hour'. He added: 'If we talk about the force that was transferred to the counter-offensive of the Ukrainian army, it outnumbered our troops by about eight to one, no less.

'In order to preserve our personnel, it was decided to withdraw, regroup.'

On the state-backed, Gazprom-owned NTV channel a three-strong panel on a prime-time debate also acknowledged the rout.

'It is impossible to defeat Ukraine,' said ex-MP Boris Nadezhdin. 'A strong army is opposing the Russian army, fully supported by the most powerful countries.'

Ukraine's military intelligence said yesterday Putin had sacked Lieutenant General Roman Berdnikov after 16 days in the job because of his failure to hold vast swathes of Ukrainian territory in the past week.

'More difficult by the hour'

It comes as Ukrainian troops shared videos on social media showing abandoned Russian tanks, artillery and other military hardware.

Ukrainian flags flew again over liberated towns for the first time in six months.

Russia retaliated yesterday with continuous strikes on civilian infrastructure in Ukraine's second-biggest city, Kharkiv. Shelling disrupted power and water supplies and at least one person died, according to local officials.

Swedish poll puts far-Right near power

SWEDEN'S Left-wing government is set to be ousted after a stunning election surge by a far-Right anti-immigration party with neo-Nazi roots.

With 94 per cent of the ballots counted after Sunday's election, the far-Right Sweden Democrats, led by Jimmie Akesson, look likely to win 21 per cent of the vote to become the country's second biggest party.

It could now agree a coalition with the Moderate party to oust the Social Democrats, although talks will take weeks. The Democrats, founded by white supremacists, have risen as immigration has soared.



Ephraim Hardcastle

BORIS Johnson's resignation honours list is 'signed off and ready to go', I hear. The late Queen's late Lord Chamberlain, Baron 'Chips' Maclean (1971-1984), suggested that PMs should issue their own medals to distance the monarch, and the honours system, from being tainted by scandal. Nothing came of the idea.

THREE Degrees star Sheila Ferguson will discuss her 'complicated' relationship with King Charles in a long-promised autobiography. She has suggested that there was no impropriety: 'I didn't want to be a notch on his bedpost. I valued myself a little more than that.'



JUDGING by the photo of them together at Charles's Privy Council accession ceremony, a cheery-looking Gordon Brown ,71, is weathering life storms better than frowning Tony Blair, 69, who appears to have dyed his hair unsuccessfully.

SIR Rod Stewart's statuesque, 6ft 1in wife Penny Lancaster, recalls being required to walk alongside our 5ft 10in King Charles after a dinner: 'He commented on my height, so I said, "I can do something about that", and took my shoes off. He held my hand as we walked along.' No doubt humming Sir Rod's Da Ya Think I'm Sexy?

ADDRESSING Tory leadership candidate Penny Mordaunt as she made her debut as Leader of the Commons, show-off Labour MP Chris Bryant added a sly dig: 'I warmly welcome her to her new job – not least, because she got to be leader after all.' Once he was known as Captain Underpants after posing in his Y-fronts on a dating site. Now it's Captain Smartypants.

THE BBC's international editor Jeremy Bowen criticises his ex-colleague, Emily Maitlis, saying it was 'appropriate' for corporation mandarins to 'have a word with her' over her controversial monologue about ex No10 adviser Dominic Cummings. She should have written it 'a bit more cleverly', he remarks. Who cares? Licence fee payers might be more interested in why the BBC needs a world affairs editor (John Simpson), a chief international correspondent (Lyse Doucet) and an international editor (Bowen).

BEWIGGED Tory MP Michael Fabricant says he backed Liz Truss for the top job because Rishi Sunak didn't return calls from West Midlands mayor Andy Street, the 'life partner' of the resident House of Commons clown. He gloats: 'I've been on a walking holiday in North America with Andy and the number of phone calls he got from Liz Truss was remarkable!'

HAVING dubbed Boris Johnson The Convict, The Guardian now calls his successor Librium Liz, referencing a drug used to treat anxiety disorders. Doubtless her arrival in No10 causes jittery Lefties on the paper to reach for their Librium tablets.

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Royalist Geri calls off 50th birthday bash

IT'S the big social dilemma of the week: do you go ahead with a party during National Mourning?

I hear Spice Girl Geri Horner has decided to cancel her lavish 50th birthday party this weekend.

Ginger Spice is an ardent royalist whose tribute to the Queen was broadcast as part of the Party At The Palace during the Platinum Jubilee celebrations.

Her bash at the Oxfordshire home she shares with her husband, Formula One team boss Christian Horner, pictured together, was expected to see a full reunion of the girl band, with guests due to include Victoria Beckham.

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Wills' pal will no longer walk backwards for King

THE new Prince of Wales will play a key role during his father's reign, but one of his close friends will not be by his side.

I learn that the Marquess of Cholmondeley has lost his job as Lord Great Chamberlain.

The Marquess, also known as film-maker David Rocksavage, had the role, in which he had to walk backwards in front of the monarch at the State Opening of Parliament, as long as the Queen was on the throne.

Now we have King Charles III, his job will be taken by the 7th Lord Carrington, whose late father served as Foreign Secretary under Margaret Thatcher.

Yesterday, Rupert Carington, 73, carried out his first duties as he greeted the King and Queen Consort Camilla when they arrived at Westminster Hall for His Majesty's speech to Parliament.

He will play an important part in the Coronation, which is likely to take place next year.

'David always knew he would not have the job for life,' one of his friends tells me.

'It was an honour to carry it out for as long as he did.' David and his wife, the former model Rose Hanbury, now Marchioness of Cholmondeley, live near Anmer Hall, Prince William and Catherine's country home in Sandringham, Norfolk.

Rose, 38, married Rocksavage in 2009. He is 24 years her senior and friends had almost given up hope that he would ever marry.

Rose soon produced an heir and spare, in the form of twins Alexander and Oliver. Like Catherine, she has since given birth to a third child, Iris.

While Kate and William stay at ten-bedroom Anmer Hall, which was previously rented out to a kitchen timber boss, the Marquess and Marchioness live in splendour two miles away at Houghton Hall, one of the country's finest Palladian houses, surrounded by 1,000 acres of parkland.



Good friends, from left: William, Rocksavage, Kate and Rose

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Bodyguard star Keeley takes another leading role



KEELEY HAWES starred in Bodyguard but I'm not sure if her pooch would be much of a guard dog.

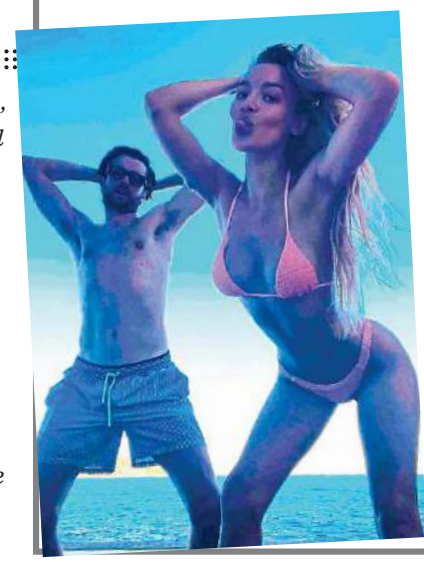
The Durrells actress, 46, showed off her chestnut-brown labradoodle, Buster, while going for a stroll in Chelsea, West London.

Hawes is married to Succession star Matthew Macfadyen, 47. The couple have just filmed Stonehouse, their first TV drama together since they met on the set of Spooks in 2002. 'People often say to me, "When do you see each other? You're both always working",' Hawes admits.

She adds: 'It's infuriating because we see so much of each other. We're not particularly social. I prefer going to bed than going out.'

■ *JEREMY CLARKSON'S criticism of the 'utter uselessness' of today's teenagers has annoyed Ruth Marvel, chief executive of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award, the highly successful scheme which Prince Philip created to support young people. Marvel says D of E volunteers have shown 'remarkable resilience and generosity' during the pandemic. In a cutting reference to Clarkson, who once punched a Top Gear producer after he failed to provide him with a hot dinner, Marvel adds that D of E volunteers would 'appreciate the delicious irony of a lecture on arrogance and entitlement from that particular quarter'. Ouch.*

Topless Jack models a new career with girlfriend Roxy



HE HAS a reputed fortune of £15 million and is the toast of Hollywood, but comedian Jack Whitehall is unhappy that he doesn't get asked to do any modelling work.

Royal pal Whitehall, 34, is going out with mannequin Roxy Horner, 31, and he's been showing off his body in holiday snaps from Greece.

'It is crazy to think that only one of us poses for photographs as a profession,' jokes Whitehall, educated at £43,000 per year Marlborough College. 'With these moves I'm surprised I don't pick up more swimwear campaigns.'

Scobie's royal blunders

THE Duchess of Sussex's biographer and cheerleader Omid Scobie does not appear to be a details man.

The Finding Freedom author has provoked a flood of complaints after making a string of factual errors on American television.

Talking about the arrangements for the Queen's coffin, he suggested that Scotland was not part of the United Kingdom and that there was a fleet of royal trains.

The Queen, the 'royal expert' loftily told viewers, 'will end up laying at rest at the smallest palace in Edinburgh before [the coffin] makes its journey on one of the royal trains over to the UK'. In fact, there's only one royal train.

Scobie later described his UK comment as a 'slip of the tongue'.

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SPECIAL REPORT

By JOHN NAISH

Why IS the medical regulator pursuing one of the world's leading cancer specialists?

Professor Karol Sikora spoke up for a colleague at a GMC tribunal. Months later, he's being investigated – and they won't even tell him why

Critics claim it has a record of persecuting good doctors

WHEN Professor Karol Sikora, one of Britain's most eminent cancer experts, was asked to defend an equally distinguished oncologist, Professor Justin Stebbing, against being struck off by the General Medical Council (GMC), he robustly challenged the claims being made against his colleague.

The brilliance of the world-renowned Professor Stebbing had earned him a professorship at Imperial College London before the age of 40.

His fall from grace began in 2017, when an anonymous whistleblower sent a dossier to the GMC, alleging that he had unnecessarily tried to save dying patients in a manner that was 'fundamentally inconsistent' with their best interests.

The allegation was that he had tried too hard and gone too far. Arguably, this was precisely why some of his patients had sought Professor Stebbing's care in the first place, after their own doctors had told them there was no more that could be done.

But last November, at the end of the disciplinary hearing, the GMC's Medical Practitioners Tribunal Service (MPTS) panel ruled that Professor Stebbing's behaviour had breached 'the very core of the Hippocratic Oath', and that his fitness to practise was impaired.

This was despite the fact that hundreds of supporters — families and patients whom Professor Stebbing had treated either on the NHS or privately, and eminent colleagues — rallied to his cause, arguing that this verdict was unjust and testifying to his life-saving work.

The MPTS panel suspended Professor Stebbing for nine months, so he was unable to care for his 150 patients. The GMC had wanted more — it had pressed for him to be struck off completely.

And now the GMC has put Professor Sikora under threat of being struck off, too. He and another expert oncology witness who testified in Professor Stebbing's defence have been served with notice from the GMC that they are now under investigation. The GMC will not tell them why.

'Three months after the hearing had ended, I and the other defence expert received letters from the GMC saying our fitness to practise is under investigation,' Professor Sikora told Good Health.

'There's been no hint of what we'd done wrong. They only sent 5,000 pages of transcript from Professor Stebbing's disciplinary hearing.'

Professor Sikora, 74, is the founding dean of the University of Buckingham Medical School and a former clinical director of cancer services for Hammersmith and Charing Cross.

He has also been a member of the UK Health Department's Expert Advisory Group on Cancer and the head of the World Health Organisation's cancer programme. Described as a world expert on cancer, he has published more than 300 scientific papers and written or edited 20 books.

'It's the first time in my life I have ever been in trouble with the GMC,' he says.

The GMC's letter says: 'On the basis of the information currently available, we've identified areas of good medical practice that have been called into question. We need to find out more information to see if this is correct and, if so, whether your fitness to practise medicine is potentially impaired. Our investigation will involve gathering more information about the allegations that have been raised and your practice as a whole.'

A GMC spokesperson told Good Health: 'We are unable to provide further information about any cases unless or until they are referred to a full hearing.'

Professor Sikora feels, however, that he knows why he has been put under investigation.

'The MPTS disciplinary panel didn't like what I told them. I had an argument with the chairman,' he says. 'I had reasonably suggested that the GMC investigation had cherry-picked 12 cancer patients' cases out of the many hundreds that Professor Stebbing had successfully treated.

'I pointed out that those 12 cases were a selected sample of patients who all did badly. But the chairman insisted that was not true. He actually shouted at me at one point. I was accused of misleading the tribunal.

'But as a witness I was simply exercising my right to express my sincerely held, honest belief,' Professor Sikora adds.

During the hearing, Professor Sikora admitted to mistakenly telling the tribunal he'd obtained summaries of three of Professor Stebbing's patients' records himself. In fact, lawyers had provided Professor Sikora with the summaries four years before and Professor Sikora had forgotten this (blaming a 'lapse of memory').

He has complied with the GMC demand that he send them details of all his current paid work.

'The GMC then wrote to all my employers telling them that I am under investigation,' says Professor Sikora. 'Of course they are all worried that I've done something wrong. How can giving tribunal evidence possibly affect my fitness to practise medicine?

'This is witness intimidation and in a criminal court it would be illegal.'

That might sound like a strange thing for the GMC to do — and why does this matter to patients?

Critics of the GMC claim that it has a record of persecuting good doctors, while allowing bad and even dangerous practitioners to continue treating patients.

For example, in another recent disciplinary case the council has been publicly lambasted by medical leaders for prosecuting a doctor in an overzealous manner.

In May, Dr Manjula Arora, a Manchester GP, was suspended for a month after 'dishonestly' claiming she'd been promised a laptop. The GMC tribunal heard that Dr Arora had requested a laptop for work and been told by her employer's medical director that no laptops were available, but that they would 'note [her] interest when the next rollout happens'.

Dr Arora subsequently told an IT department colleague that she'd been told she could have a laptop 'next time [one was] available', adding that she'd been 'promised' one. Despite the tribunal acknowledging her 'dishonesty was confined to the use of a single word on a single occasion', and that the case involved no risk to patients, it was deemed that her actions constituted 'serious misconduct'.

The ruling sparked outrage. The British Medical Association (BMA) called the decision to suspend her 'incomprehensible'. Its then chair, Dr Chaand Nagpaul, said it was 'no wonder those three letters — GMC — instil terror in doctors'.

Amid widespread protests, a month later the GMC admitted the suspension was wrong and has taken steps to restore Dr Arora's full registration.

The Royal College of General Practitioners said: 'We will be asking for answers as to why the case was allowed to get through the GMC's screening processes

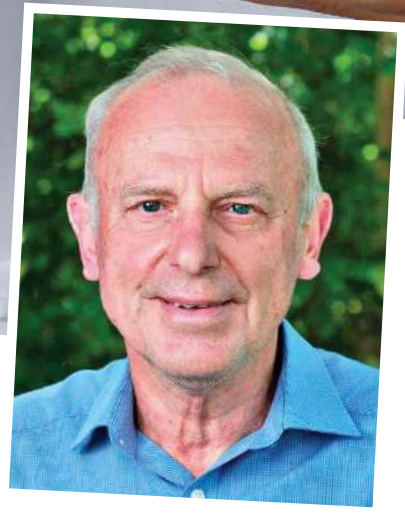


AND THE MAIL'S DR MAX PEMBERTON HAS SUFFERED TOO...

'After nearly a year of silence, the GMC said it found no evidence and the case was dropped. No apology was given'



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'Let down': Oncologist Professor Karol Sikora

and end in a fitness-to-practise hearing and a sanction.'

A spokesperson for Doctors' Association UK, which represents frontline British medical staff, said that while justice had been served, 'this does not discount the unnecessary stress to Dr Arora and the message sent to thousands of doctors that their regulatory body does not think twice before unjustly suspending them'.

Dr Max Pemberton, a Daily Mail columnist and a full-time NHS psychiatrist, knows only too well how the GMC can subject innocent practitioners to lengthy, stressful investigations that are entirely unjustified.

'I was referred to the GMC by a patient who made an incredibly serious allegation that I had assaulted them while assessing them in A&E,' he says.

'The GMC investigation process took 11 months — despite the fact that two police officers were present throughout the assessment I'd performed; two other members of staff also accompanied me; and there was CCTV of the entire encounter which showed I didn't even touch the patient, let alone assault them.'

Dr Pemberton says that during the investigation his sleep suffered and he lost so much weight 'colleagues thought [he] was ill'.

'Everyone who knew me and worked closely with me in my team knew it was ridiculous, but the management were more concerned and I was lucky to have a boss who stuck his neck out and insisted that I be allowed to continue to work unsupervised, as normal, despite the allegations and investigation.'

After months of silence, the GMC wrote Dr Pemberton a letter saying that it did not find evidence and that the case had been dropped. 'No apology was given,' says Dr Pemberton.

The stress of undergoing lengthy, potentially career-threatening GMC disciplinary proceedings is borne out by the fact that the regulator's own statistics show that 29 doctors died while under investigation or monitoring between January 1, 2018 and December 31, 2020 — 20 from natural causes, six from 'external causes' (of which five were suicides) and three from 'unspecified reasons'.

Dr Karen Ellison, a medicolegal consultant at the doctors' indemnity organisation, the Medical Protection Society, told Good Health: 'Day in, day out we see the psychological impact GMC investigations have on the doctors involved.

'We also see the impact it has on their families, their pay, their reputations and their careers.'

She says that fitness-to-practise investigations 'often take several months — and sometimes years — to conclude'. It took four years for the GMC's disciplinary system to investigate Professor Stebbing, during which time he was suspended by HCA Healthcare, a private health firm for which he worked.

Lengthy investigative procedures might be justified if they resulted in the GMC protecting patients' safety. However, recent evidence suggests otherwise.

In June, a public inquiry report criticised the GMC for wrongly reassuring a hospital trust that a neurologist it employed was safe to work with patients, when in fact he was misdiagnosing them and treating them incorrectly.

In 2018, Michael Watt, a consultant neurologist at Belfast Health and Social Care Trust, was at the centre of the largest ever patient recall in Northern Ireland. A review of more than 5,000 patients found that nearly one in five of his high-risk patients had received a diagnosis described as 'not secure'.

Concerns about Michael Watt's practice had been voiced back in 2006, but the inquiry concluded

A chance to stop a misdiagnosing neurologist was missed

that a vital opportunity to stop him was missed in 2012 when the GMC, following an 'inadequate investigation', decided to take no action on a patient's complaint against him.

Thus the trust, wrongly reassured of Michael Watt's safety, let him continue to practise, said the inquiry chair, Brett Lockhart KC.

The GMC's chief executive, Charlie Massey, said: 'We acknowledge that during our investigations we could and should have done more to act on clinical concerns sooner and to share information more effectively with other organisations.'

In fact, five years ago a GMC tribunal heard fresh allegations about Michael Watt's fitness to practise. But after evidence that he had been thinking of suicide, it allowed him to remove himself from the medical register without a hearing.

The Professional Standards Authority, which oversees healthcare regulators, challenged the decision at the High Court in Northern Ireland, but a judge decided that the decision was not open to challenge.

Other lenient responses include the case of Dr Satyen Singhai, who a GMC tribunal heard was rushed to hospital in January 2019 after bingeing on cannabis, cocaine, whisky and the tranquillising drug diazepam, which he had not been prescribed.

He fell down the stairs, prompting his neighbour to call the police. When officers arrived they had to handcuff him due to his agitated state.

Dr Singhai was taken to A&E at St Helier Hospital in Carshalton, South London, and the consultant who treated him referred him to the GMC. At the

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5 of the best BREAKFAST BARS

SNACK bars are often packed with sugar, fat and additives. Here, Sophie Medlin, a dietitian from City Dietitians, selects five of the best.

WILD TRAIL CARROT CAKE FRUIT, VEG & NUT BARS



Pack of four x 30g bars, £2, ocado.com. Per bar: calories, 118; saturated fat, 0.7g; protein, 3.1g; fibre, 2.6g; sugar, 11g

CLAIM: 'Gluten and dairy-free. No added sugar. High in fibre.'

EXPERT VERDICT: The 37 per cent cashew nut content provides filling protein, copper (for immunity) and magnesium (for blood pressure). There is the equivalent of 2tsp of natural sugar from the raisins and carrot, but it will be released more slowly than regular sugar.

TASTE: Powerful cinnamon.

THE SAVOURISTS' BLACK OLIVE & NORI SEAWEED BAR

Pack of 12 x 30g bars, £19.99, thesavourists.com. Per bar: calories, 121; saturated fat, 0.8g; protein, 3.8g; fibre, 6.7g; sugar, 0.9g

CLAIM: 'High fibre. Low sugar.'

EXPERT VERDICT: Mixed seeds and lentils in this savoury bar provide protein and, along with chicory root, 22 per cent of your daily fibre. The 14 plant ingredients will help boost your gut microbiome.

TASTE: Peppery olive flavour.

CREATIVE NATURE BURSTING BERRY BLEND FLAPJACK BAR



38g bar, 99p, thevegankind.com. Per bar: calories, 122; saturated fat, 0.1g; protein, 1.9g; fibre, 2.1g; sugar, 10g

CLAIM: 'Top 14 allergen-safe. Vitamin C-rich ingredients.'

EXPERT VERDICT: This is 'cold-pressed', meaning it hasn't been baked at a high temperature, which preserves vitamins C and E. The high dried fruit content provides the equivalent of 2tsp of natural sugar per bar, so crumble over yoghurt to slow its effect on your blood sugar.

TASTE: Intense berry.

PRIMAL PANTRY ALMOND & CASHEW REAL FOOD BAR

45g bar, £1.29, hollandandbarrett.com. Per bar: calories, 206; saturated fat, 1.5g; protein, 5.4g; fibre, 2.2g; sugar, 16g

CLAIM: 'Gluten and dairy-free.'

EXPERT VERDICT: A cold-pressed bar, this is 50 per cent dates (a source of fibre), 30 per cent almonds and 20 per cent cashews (for protein) — and nothing else. Each bar is 36 per cent sugar, but with nutritional benefits from the fruit; and 27 per cent fat, but mostly heart-healthy fats from nuts.

TASTE: Fudgy, with crunchy pieces.

PERKIER MADAGASCAN VANILLA & DARK CHOC BAR



Pack of three x 37g bars, £2, morrisons.com. Per bar: calories, 158; saturated fat, 2.4g; protein, 5.7g; fibre, 7g; sugar, 8.2g

CLAIM: 'Billions of active cultures' plus 'B12, B5 and calcium.'

EXPERT VERDICT: Some ingredients in this bar are a little more processed than other bars here, but it has two probiotics and is fortified with 100 per cent of your daily vitamin B5 and B12 needs, helpful if you follow a plant-based diet.

TASTE: Deliciously vanilla-flavoured.

MANDY FRANCIS

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Umbilical cord blood could help heal diabetic foot ulcers

BLOOD from donated umbilical cords is being used to treat hard-to-heal foot ulcers in patients with diabetes.

The blood is spun and concentrated to increase the amount of platelets, which help blood to clot, and growth factors, which help wounds to heal.

Around 60 patients taking part in a clinical trial at Attikon University Hospital, in Greece, will have a gel made from the processed blood applied to a diabetic foot ulcer every three days for one month.

Another 60 will be given conventional wound dressings. Doctors will then compare the rate at which the ulcers reduce in size.

■ *SUGAR-COATING medical devices such as urinary catheters might protect patients from infection. Researchers at NUI Galway and Queen's University Belfast are studying the interaction of sugar molecules with bacterial proteins in order to make fluorescent materials that darken when in contact with bacteria. Coating medical devices with these could help doctors spot potential infection early and treat it faster.*

Pot belly but slim? It's still bad for your heart

HAVING a pot belly increases your risk of heart failure and atrial fibrillation (an abnormal heart rhythm that can cause a stroke) even if you are a healthy weight, a study shows.

Researchers at the University of Tokyo, in Japan, studied nearly 1.7 million patients and found that carrying a 'spare tyre' increased instances of heart failure by nearly 10 per cent, and atrial fibrillation by 20 per cent, reports European Heart Journal Open.

One theory is that a pot belly indicates there is excess fat being stored around the liver, which is a risk factor for heart problems.

Ceramic granules to treat backache



Picture: ALAMY

By ROGER DOBSON

TINY ceramic 'needles' may be a new way to tackle back pain. The granules, smaller than a human hair, are implanted in the back instead of using bone grafts to help weld bones together to reduce pain and improve function.

Over a few weeks, new bone grows around the needle-shaped granules, fusing the vertebrae. Around 100 patients are now trialling this treatment following successful animal studies.

Traditional spinal fusion surgery relies on bone grafts to join the vertebrae, stopping them rubbing together and causing pain.

It is used to treat a range of conditions which affect millions of people, including disc disease and spinal stenosis, where the space inside the spine narrows, putting pressure on nerves.

After age 40, most people have some disc degeneration owing to wear and tear. While painkillers are the initial treatment, each year around 50,000 patients in the UK need spinal operations, including fusion surgery.

ALTHOUGH this can be effective, there is inevitably some loss of mobility when the joint is fused. There's also a risk of adjacent segment disease — the lack of movement between the fused vertebrae can put excess pressure on the areas above and below, which can cause pain and weakness.

And the relief surgery provides does not always last long term; about 25 per cent of people who have fusion surgery require a repeat operation within 20 years.

In addition, it requires a bone graft, where bone is removed from a patient's hips or legs. This can cause months of pain. By contrast, the MagnetOs granules, made from a ceramic material called biphasic calcium phosphate, do not require a bone graft.

Surgeons mould the material between the bones of the joint being fused. Tiny needles on the surface help it to stick. As the material is similar in structure to bone, it attracts new bone cells to grow around it. Over time this fuses the damaged bones together.

Animal research has shown this approach can be highly effective. One study, reported in the journal European Cells & Materials last year, found it contributed to faster healing, with new bone forming in three weeks rather than the six months it can take using a bone graft. A second study showed the granules led to a 92 per cent successful fusion rate after 12 weeks.

In the new clinical trial under way at University Medical Center Utrecht, and four other hospitals in The Netherlands, surgeons will use two teaspoons of granules in each joint. Each patient will have two joints treated, one with the MagnetOs granules and the other with conventional bone grafts, and the results will be compared.

Mike McNicholas, a consultant orthopaedic surgeon at Liverpool University Hospitals, says: 'The rapidity of the bone formation may relate to the shape of the granules. The results will be fascinating.'

EAT MORE...



CRANBERRIES. A recent study in the journal Food & Function showed that a 9g daily dose of cranberry powder (equivalent to 100g of the fresh fruit) significantly improved 'flow-mediated dilation' — heart and blood vessel function — compared to a placebo. Cranberries help reduce levels of homocysteine, known to damage the lining of blood vessels.



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hearing last October, he was told: 'This conduct does not meet with the standards required of a doctor. It risks bringing the profession into disrepute and it must not be repeated.'

But he was only issued with a warning and was allowed to keep his job.

Dr Singhai's representative told the GMC tribunal that Dr Singhai was dealing with 'extreme' stress and bereavement at the time and that he was an 'excellent' doctor.

Meanwhile, in May Dr Jigarkumar Dave, who had been suspended for nine months for beating his wife, was given permission to practise again.

At a criminal court in November 2019, the former cardiologist was convicted of assault, made subject to a community order and fined £331.

In July 2021, Dr Dave was suspended by a GMC tribunal. But in May, Paul Moulder, chair of the tribunal, allowed him to return to practice, saying: 'The tribunal determined that the risk of repetition was extremely low and hence there was no risk to the health, safety and wellbeing of the public.'

He added: 'The tribunal was satisfied that an ordinary member of the public, appraised of the facts of this case, and having regard to Dr Dave's considerable insight and extensive remediation, would not be shocked or surprised to learn that Dr Dave was to be allowed to return to unrestricted practice.'

Meanwhile, Professor Sikora remains under the shadow of an inquiry that he believes focuses on the considered professional opinion he was asked to give at a GMC tribunal.

'My professional indemnifier [i.e. insurer] is taking it very seriously and thinks that I will be put up before a disciplinary tribunal,' he says.

'The GMC desperately needs reforming. We need good people to feel wanted in the NHS, not hounded out on spurious grounds at great expense to the taxpayer.'

His opinion is echoed by Dr Nagpaul, who is calling for an independent review into the GMC to address the 'systemic flaws' in its disciplinary processes.

Professor Sikora adds: 'I feel let down by the GMC. It has totally lost its way.

'If I am hauled before a tribunal, the current pace of GMC investigations means that it won't be held until 2026 at the earliest. I'll be 78 then. It's a bizarre thing to do at this stage in my career.'

BEAUTY IS PAIN

WHEN beauty routines cause pain. This week: Mascara



A REPORT in the journal Ophthalmology in 2018 described the case of a patient with blurred vision and a feeling of something in her eye. It turned out to be a build-up of mascara that was eroding her eyelid.

'The mascara had worked its way into the meibomian gland openings [the tiny oil glands at the edge of the eyelids] and caused permanent scarring,' her ophthalmologist Dr Dana Robaie, who is based in Sydney, Australia, told Good Health.

'The deposits also solidified into grains and began to erode through the inner aspects of her eyelids, which caused the foreign body sensation.

'It happened because the woman hadn't been removing her eye make-up. I suggest anyone wearing mascara or eyeliner remove it properly every night.'

DID YOU KNOW?

DRINKING seven or more units of alcohol a week may lead to cognitive decline, say researchers from the University of Oxford. MRI scans have shown that drinking this amount is associated with higher levels of iron in the brain area responsible for motor control, eye movement, emotion and memory. Higher iron levels in some areas of the brain have been linked with Alzheimer's and Parkinson's.

IN PILL POSITION

HOW your position can affect medication. This week: Stand up to take a nasty-tasting medicine

STANDING dulls taste, according to a 2019 study published in the Journal of Consumer Research, where people were asked to rate the taste of food and drink while sitting or standing.



'A standing posture is physically more stressful than a sitting one, and this affects the perceived taste of what you eat,' says the lead author, Dipayan Biswas, a professor of marketing at the University of South Florida.

This is because when we're standing, our heart has to beat faster to move blood around the body. The rise in heart rate then activates the nervous system and leads to a rise in the hormone cortisol — and cortisol dampens taste.

'It might be beneficial, then, to maintain a standing posture when consuming pharmaceutical products with an unpleasant taste,' says Professor Biswas.

By MOIRA PETTY

The night before my prostate op I cried my eyes out. I didn't want to leave my kids or Gabby

After getting cancer all-clear, an emotional interview with rugby star Kenny Logan



Great support: Kenny Logan with his wife Gabby

Picture: KEN McKAY/ITV/REX

THE night before he underwent surgery for prostate cancer in June this year, former rugby international Kenny Logan, who is married to TV presenter Gabby Logan, sat in his garden sobbing.

'I cried my eyes out, thinking no way do I want to leave my kids at only 17 or Gabby,' he says.

Although he had been told that at his age — he is 50 — the chances of the operation being successful were heavily weighted in his favour, Kenny, who lives with Gabby, 49, and their 17-year-old twins Lois and Reuben in South-West London, felt overcome with fear that he might still be left with cancer.

'It was the first time I really thought I wouldn't make it,' he says. Kenny adds that he was extremely 'lucky' his cancer was even spotted in the first place.

Eighteen months ago he decided to have a male health MoT, which included a blood test, after Gabby started hormone replacement therapy (HRT).

'She was making sure she wouldn't fall off a cliff, like women who suddenly have menopause symptoms,' he says. Speaking to the Daily Mail in his first newspaper interview, he revealed the trauma of his diagnosis.

'I thought I should find out what was happening to my hormones. I mean, what if in four years' time I was at the bottom of the cliff, looking up at my wife who was fine because she was on HRT? I love her and don't want to lose what we've got.'

The check in December 2020 included a test to check his levels of prostate-specific antigen (PSA), a protein made in the prostate, a walnut-shaped gland that sits below the bladder and produces fluid for sperm.

While PSA levels can rise for all sorts of reasons, including cycling, sex or an infection, persistently high levels can suggest prostate cancer.

'I was told my levels were a little high, at 4.5ng/ml,' says Kenny. Generally below 3ng/ml of blood is normal for men aged 50 to 59. 'I had to ask what PSA meant — I hadn't heard of it before.'

Kenny was given a digital rectal examination to check his prostate. 'The doctor said it felt fine but I should see a urologist,' he recalls. 'Cancer wasn't mentioned but I like to get on with things. Gabby asked what I was going to do and I made an appointment.'

Kenny saw a specialist privately, who gave him another PSA, which again was 4.5ng/ml.

HE WAS sent for an MRI scan, which revealed the prostate was 'a little swollen', but Kenny was assured he was 'fine' and would be monitored every six months.

At his next check-up his PSA level had risen to just under 5ng/ml and he had a biopsy at the same private hospital, with 15 samples taken. He was told nothing needed to be done but that he would continue to be monitored.

A third test in January this year showed his PSA had risen to 6ng/ml and he underwent another biopsy, taking 30 samples. Within a week, he was at home on the sofa, hand-in-hand with Gabby, when he received the news that he says 'neither of us expected'.

During a Zoom consultation, the specialist broke it to him that he had prostate cancer and needed to have treatment within four months. It was thought that the tumour was contained within the prostate but the medical team was concerned that it could start enlarging rapidly.

The couple struggled to process the news. 'Our eyes were welling up,' recalls Kenny. 'Lois came in and heard what was being said, then Reuben arrived and we held each other afterwards and cried. 'Reuben said: "I need you around, Dad. But you'll smash this." The confidence and belief of my mindset came from my kids.'

Every year around 52,300 cases of prostate cancer are diagnosed in the UK, with 12,000 deaths. Men over 50 (or over 45 in the case of those with an African ancestry) are most at risk, although most cases are diagnosed in men in their 70s or 80s, according to the charity Prostate Cancer UK.

A family history of the disease can also increase the risk (there was none in Kenny's family).

'The great difficult is that when prostate cancer is early, it is symptomless, so how can you find it early?' says Stephen Langley, a professor of urology at the Royal Surrey County Hospital.

Diagnosis often begins with a PSA test, which is available to men aged over 50 on the NHS who ask their GP for one.

After his experience, Kenny wants to encourage all men over 50 to have their PSA checked.

But the test is controversial because it can give false positive results, which may lead to intrusive biopsies (that can cause infection). A Europe-wide study of prostate cancer, published in the British Journal of Cancer in 2020, calculated that 60 to 70 per cent of positive PSA results are false.

Tests can also miss cases — one in seven men with a normal PSA results may have prostate cancer, says the NHS. Chiara De Biase, director of support and influencing at Prostate Cancer UK, says the PSA 'isn't sensitive enough or accurate enough'. While some have called for a screening programme, the charity's view is that this 'would introduce far too many harms', says Chiara De Biase. 'We're putting millions of pounds into clinical studies to find a better diagnostic tool.'

Professor Langley disagrees. 'There have been screening studies showing that by regular checking of the PSA of men between 50 and 70, you can reduce prostate cancer deaths,' he says.

'Having a PSA test for younger men, in their early 50s, can be a sensible testing strategy.'

He adds that men aged between 50 and 60 with a PSA below 1ng/ml, probably don't need it checked for more than five years, 'but if it's between 2ng/ml and 3ng/ml, you might want to have it checked every one or two years'.

A 2017 study, published in the journal European Urology, found that men aged between 50 and 54 who were screened using the PSA test had double the chance of being diagnosed with prostate cancer compared with men not screened. The study also found that there were 57 fewer prostate cancer deaths per 10,000 men in the screened group.

'The game-changer is [using] MRI,' says Professor Langley, explaining this can be given after a raised PSA but before a biopsy 'and which is very good at detecting cancers that might be life-threatening and distinguishing them from the inconsequential ones so men don't need to undergo unnecessary biopsies'.

The National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (NICE) said in 2019 that men suspected of prostate cancer should be offered a specialist MRI scan. Kenny and his specialist agreed that surgery would be the best option as he was young enough to recover well and have minimal side-effects. (Surgery carries the risk of erectile dysfunction and incontinence.)

Despite these assurances, Kenny found himself crying in his garden on the night before his surgery on June 7.

'I'd have weird moments before the op and want to be in garden all day and Gabby knows me well enough to leave me to it,' he says.

She was at his side when he came round from the three-hour operation. 'I left hospital after three days with a catheter in for another week, feeling stiff and sore and sleeping a lot,' he says.

He has been lucky to have minimal side-effects. 'I knew there was a chance of urine leakage and had a few accidents,' he says. 'But all's fine now. Gabby and I had also talked about the possibility of erectile dysfunction. But I've been very lucky on that front.'

AND two weeks ago doctors confirmed there is no sign of cancer. 'That was the biggest phew,' he says.

'It hit me hard when the surgeon said that if, instead of presenting early, I came to him some years on with symptoms, the cancer might have moved to my bones and I couldn't have been cured.

'He said that at 50 you have to try to find prostate cancer as there are no symptoms in the early stages, when it can be cured. If it finds you, the outcome will be different.

'He also said that 40 per cent of my friends could have prostate cancer and not know it. It chilled my blood and that's why I want to tell men to have a PSA test at 50.'

He adds: 'Our children may both be off to university next year but we'll keep our 21-year marriage strong even if our nest is empty. I want to do more with Gabbs.

'I'm not one of those men trying to escape their wife. She's my best friend. Now I just want other men to get tested. I can't imagine what my life would have been like if I hadn't.'

■ *prostatecanceruk.org/risk-checker*

GENE WATCH

NEW discoveries about your genes and health. This week: Depression



THERE are at least 178 genes linked to depression, 77 more than previously identified, according to a study from Yale University School of Medicine and University of California, San Diego, published in May. After analysing 1.2 million medical records, the researchers identified the variants in and around the NEGR1 gene, making it one of the most high-risk genes for depression. There might be thousands more genetic variants left to discover.

Steps you can take to ease the autumn blues

Q WHY does autumn make me gloomy? I wish we could skip straight to winter.

Sean Mackie, via email.



ASK THE GP
DR MARTIN SCURR

A IT sounds like you might have a form of seasonal affective disorder (SAD). Most people with SAD find their mood is affected in the winter, but it can also occur in autumn, spring or summer.

The exact cause is not known but it is thought to be related to the disturbance of the circadian rhythm, the internal body clock that regulates our sleep/wake cycle, as well as changes in the retina, the light-sensitive cells at the back of the eye.

These cells relay messages to regions of the brain involved in mood regulation, producing so-called happiness hormones such as serotonin.

One theory is that the retina of people with SAD isn't as sensitive to light, leading to a shortfall of these hormones.

It could also be related to levels of melatonin, the hormone that's released in response to daylight.

While we don't understand the exact link, we know people with SAD tend to have higher levels of melatonin, which may make them feel sleepy and unmotivated.

Whenever they strike, the symptoms of SAD are broadly similar and may include low mood and sleep disturbances.

The good news is that there are a number of treatments that might help.

Light therapy boxes generate artificial 'natural' levels of light (they are available on the High Street and cost around £90; you need a device that produces 10,000 lux) — sit in front of it for 30 to 60 minutes each morning.

I'd suggest to start using this now, as we leave summer and continue to use the box throughout the autumn months.

The aim is to improve SAD by reducing melatonin production and increasing serotonin.

Good bedtime habits can also make a difference — for example, going to bed and getting up at the same time every day, as this helps regulate melatonin production.

Finally, dawn simulation might help. This form of light therapy uses a less intense light than a light box. It is programmed to switch on at a low level during the final hours of sleep and then increase over 60 to 90 minutes.

Devices marketed as wake-up lights cost around £30. Using this in addition to a light box might be more effective than either alone.

Where these fail, antidepressants and cognitive behavioural therapy (CBT), a talking therapy that seeks to help change the way you think, may be of use.

I would advise self-help as the best first step. However, talk to your doctor as they can help you decide what to try first.

Q I AM 78 and suffer with atrial fibrillation, where my heart rhythm temporarily goes haywire. When this happens, I also have an uncontrollable need to urinate every few minutes. It can be inconvenient and embarrassing. Can you help?

Name and address supplied.

A THIS is a rare but recognised consequence of the changes that occur in the heart muscle in patients with atrial fibrillation — the most common form of abnormal heart rhythm.

In a healthy heart, the two upper chambers beat regularly and in a co-ordinated way. But in those with atrial fibrillation the muscle of the atrial wall occasionally quivers and so the two chambers beat in an uncoordinated way.

Causes include heart disease, high blood pressure and an overactive thyroid gland.

So what triggers the urge to urinate? Some studies blame high levels of a hormone called brain natriuretic peptide (BNP), which is secreted by muscle cells in the heart when it's not pumping as much blood as normal.

This hormone sends the kidneys into overdrive, encouraging them to filter more fluid than usual. This in turn has the effect of rapidly filling the bladder and hence the need to urinate frequently.

There's no easy solution. I would suggest another chat with your cardiologist to explore the possibilities.

WRITE TO DR SCURR

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IN MY VIEW... The Queen was a shining example for medics, too

FOR so many of us Her Majesty the Queen exemplified how to behave.

But in thinking about her life, it is striking how her example also resonates for those of us working in the medical profession.

In particular, her life and work epitomised the four pillars of medical ethics — these are autonomy, beneficence, non-maleficence and justice.

The pillars are the basis of good practice and should guide all we do with our patients.

The first, autonomy : Her Majesty the Queen clearly respected our individual right to live our lives according to our own creed and culture.

She was also model of beneficence — the duty to 'do good' — guided by kindheartedness and selflessness; and of non-maleficence, by which is meant conspicuously never doing harm. Clearly the Queen exemplified non-maleficence, too.

And finally, the fourth pillar: justice. Her Majesty treated all people equally and equitably. Would that all of us in medicine could be remembered for being so faithful to these principles.

ADVERTISEMENT FEATURE

'THE EMOTIONAL SUPPORT WAS FANTASTIC'

How receiving care at home helped cancer patient Carena Blake cope with her treatment

Receiving a cancer diagnosis is tough enough, but having to go in and out of hospital for treatment can really take its toll.

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'IN WINTER I DIDN'T HAVE TO LEAVE THE HOUSE – I JUST GOT READY IN THE COMFORT OF MY OWN HOME'

Carena Blake was treated at home when she was diagnosed first with a cancer in her left breast in 2018, and then with an unrelated tumour in her right breast three years later.

She was told at the hospital that her private medical insurance meant she was eligible to have chemotherapy at home after surgery. 'It was a total surprise – I'd never heard of it,' says the 49-year-old from Bangor, Northern Ireland. 'But it was fantastic.

'In winter I didn't have to leave the house – I just got ready in the comfort of my own home. I didn't have to rely on anyone – although my mum came round each time with a bun or scone for the nurse.'

Sciensus employs specially trained nurses to provide one-on-one support and they make a big difference to the lives of those receiving treatment. They visit a day or two beforehand to take bloods, ensuring the patient is strong enough for chemotherapy, before returning to administer it.

'We built up such a good relationship,' says Carena. 'I could ask her things that I didn't want to ask the consultant.

'When I hit a brick wall on cycle four of eight and didn't think I could do it, the emotional support she gave me was fantastic.

'And when I was diagnosed the second time, she immediately phoned to say how sorry she was.'

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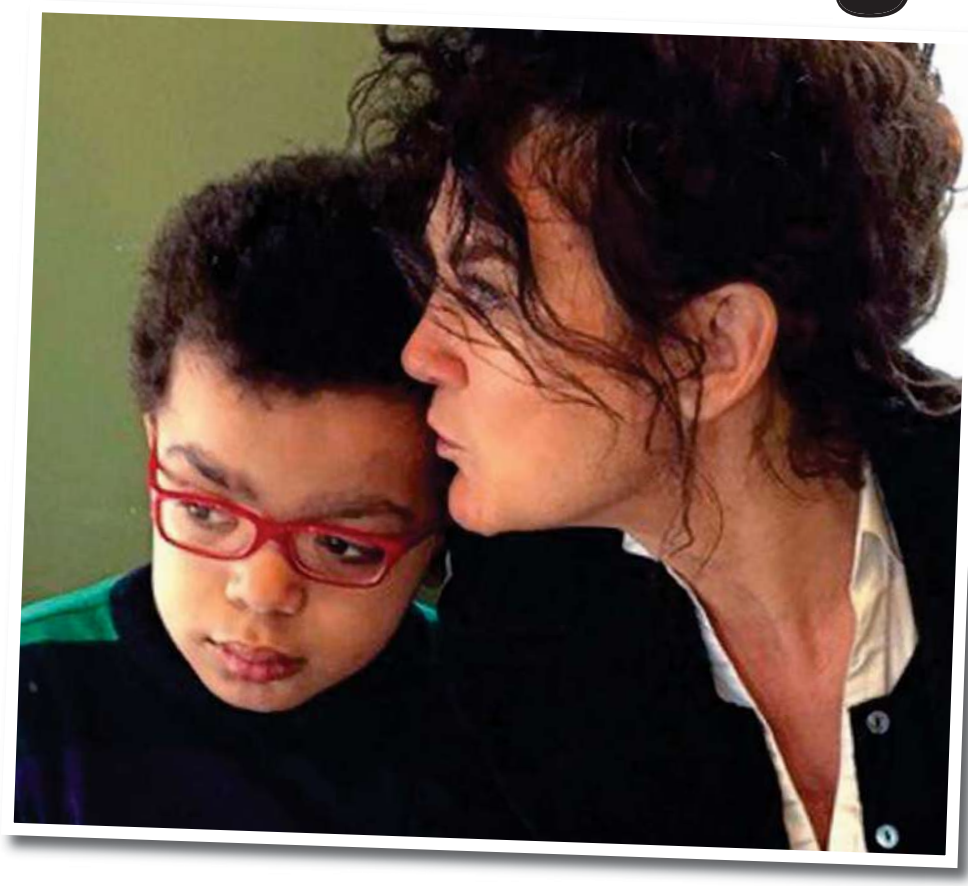
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One mother's heartbreaking fight to get her son the drugs manufacturer won't give him

By CAROLINE SCOTT



Urgent need for help: Sebastien and Severine

SEBASTIEN HAMILTON loves the park near his home in South London, where his mum Severine takes him every day after school. But there are moments — when he hesitates at the foot of the climbing frame, or can't find a familiar word — when she wonders: is this the beginning of the end?

For Sebastien, nine, has a progressive genetic disorder called mucopolysaccharidosis type IIIB, or Sanfilippo syndrome, a devastatingly cruel condition that first strips children of language, then mobility and finally the ability to swallow and breathe.

There is no treatment or cure — most children with Sanfilippo syndrome do not survive beyond their teens.

'There have been terrifying moments over the past couple of years where we thought we were losing him,' says Severine. 'Every time he climbs into a car, gets out of the bath, climbs the slide, runs and walks down the street and up the stairs, I am relieved and grateful, because I have seen other children his age with Sanfilippo syndrome lose each one of those skills.'

But there is hope. And hope is like rocket fuel for parents like Severine and her partner Kole (both work in the film industry — although Severine is now focusing on being a full-time mother).

Sebastien's future, and those of thousands of others, rests on the outcome of crucial clinical trials, where pharmaceutical companies test drugs on groups of patients, looking for a breakthrough.

Mucopolysaccharidoses (MPS) are a group of rare, inherited disorders where the body stores large chemical molecules in organs, instead of clearing them away.

PATIENTS with Sanfilippo syndrome lack the enzyme that breaks down and recycles a sugar molecule called heparan sulfate, which is used in the building of bones, cartilage, skin and other tissues. In their case it builds up in the cells, causing progressive damage.

Sanfilippo syndrome occurs when both parents are carriers of the affected gene; they have no symptoms themselves and there is often no family history.

Patients usually appear healthy until the age of two, when developmental delay — slowness to walk and talk — becomes obvious.

Other symptoms include chronic diarrhoea, sleeplessness, hyperactivity and behavioural problems.

Decline is usually rapid. Often by the time they are eight or nine they are fed through a tube and are wheelchair-dependent. The condition is often known as childhood dementia.

When he was two-and-a-half, Sebastien, a patient at Great Ormond Street Hospital, was enrolled in the trial of an enzyme replacement therapy drug.

'We saw incredible results,' says Severine. 'Sebastien used to wake every hour during the night. Suddenly he was sleeping through. And the diarrhoea disappeared.'

But the trial was stopped abruptly in 2017, when Sebastien was four, because the U.S. manufacturer, BioMarin, decided to stop investing in the drug as the market for it is small — a decision Severine describes as 'utterly heartbreaking and frustrating'.

Although Sanfilippo syndrome is rare (affecting around 150 children in the UK), it's estimated that around 3.5 million will be affected by a rare disease.

This is a significant number of patients for whom there may be no targeted treatment.

Eurordis, a group that represents 1,000 rare disease patient organisations in 74 countries, says it is not uncommon for trials to be stopped without warning.

'Genetic disorders generally receive little attention from big pharmaceutical companies because the numbers involved are too small to expect a return on their investment,' says Yann Le Cam, CEO of Eurordis. 'But each person counts — we should leave no one behind.'

Yet as that enzyme replacement therapy trial was ending, another was just beginning. In 2016, 20 children, including two patients at Great Ormond Street Hospital, were recruited to receive a promising new drug, tralesinidase alfa.

But Sebastien had been excluded from taking part because the eligibility criteria eliminated anyone who had previously been treated with enzyme replacement therapy (ERT).

Sebastien's doctors say there is little scientific basis for this clause — known as washout time — as the time it takes for an ERT drug to leave the body is just two weeks.

Allievex, the small U.S. company running this trial, says the results have been spectacular, with evidence that the drug eliminates the build-up of heparan sulfate, reduces enlarged livers (one of the main symptoms) and stops the brain shrinking. It can even reverse some of the damage that has already occurred. Allievex reports on its website: 'These results suggest tralesinidase alfa holds promise to become a first-in-class and best-in-class treatment for Sanfilippo syndrome type B.' (This is the type Sebastien has: just 27 babies were born with it in the UK between 2000 and 2020.)

For five years, Severine has campaigned for Sebastien to be allowed the treatment before it is too late. He is still beating the odds: aged nine, most children with his disorder are in a wheelchair, but time is running out.

His doctor, Spyros Batzios, a consultant in paediatric metabolic medicine at Great Ormond Street Hospital and a principal investigator for the Allievex trial in the UK, has written and spoken to the firm's CEO, Tom Mathers, begging for Sebastien to be included.

In May, Great Ormond Street Hospital wrote to Allievex to advocate on Sebastien's behalf — it needs the company's permission to provide the medication.

Severine shows me sheaves of personal letters to Tom Mathers. He has told Severine that there's not enough of the drug available for another child, but that his company will expand access for all children with Sanfilippo syndrome in the future.

Severine says: 'Sebastien is reaching the plateau period of the condition, where rapid degeneration takes place. It's always been urgent. Now it is vital.'

Yann Le Cam, who is advocating on the family's behalf, says: 'A case like this sends the wrong message collectively. If children can't take part in one trial because they have been involved in another, parents will decide to wait, to not join clinical trials, because their interests are not being defended. So there's a wrong-doing — which is dramatic for Sebastien now. But it is also catastrophic for clinical trials generally.'

Sebastien was diagnosed with Sanfilippo syndrome after a routine dermatology appointment when he was one year old.

'Sebastien had some patches of discoloured skin which turned out to be a fungal infection and cleared up quickly,' says Severine.

But the doctor also noticed that Sebastien's head was slightly large for his age, and he was sent for blood tests.

Weeks later, Severine was sitting in a hospital room with Sebastien on her lap while a consultant explained the implications of Sanfilippo syndrome.

The news hit Severine like a punch in the stomach. 'But I couldn't allow myself to collapse,' she says. 'I went straight into battle mode, finding out everything I could and working out what we can do to keep him healthy.'

THE Medicines And Healthcare products Regulatory Agency (MHRA), which licenses drugs in the UK, has provided Allievex with information to help it take advantage of the Early Access to Medicines Scheme as a quick way to give Sebastien access to tralesinidase alfa — under the scheme patients with rare diseases can be given experimental drugs.

The MHRA has also suggested allowing Sebastien's doctor to prescribe it as an unlicensed drug. However, it cannot force drug companies to do this, and Allievex has consistently declined to provide the drug for Sebastien.

'Allievex has evidence gathered over five years on safety and efficacy — it knows the drug is safe and it works,' says Yann Le Cam.

Despite their battle, Severine and Kole enjoy every day with their son. 'Sebastien is the smiliest child,' says Severine. 'He's sociable and happy, he loves music and dancing and horse riding — he enjoys everything in his life and everyone he meets.'

But they are living with a slow grief, where every day brings losses. Although he maintained a good vocabulary until the age of seven, familiar words now come and go.

It can take hours to get him off to sleep. However, Severine is quick to point out the huge rewards.

'Every day when Sebastien opens his eyes I feel such love and gratitude at his smile — that's what keeps me going,' she says.

On Christmas Eve 2021, she launched a petition which has been signed by more than 7,000 people — including footballer Marcus Rashford and singer Emmanuel Kelly, who have both

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FOOD FOR YOUR MOOD

HOW foods can affect state of mind. This week: Coffee



AS WELL as waking you up, coffee can cheer you up, suggests a report by the Institute for Scientific Information on Coffee from 2010.

Drinking a cup of coffee every four hours led to an increase in mood over the day.

Perhaps not surprisingly, the effect may be linked to caffeine. 'Caffeine boosts energy uptake in brain cells, activates noradrenaline neurons [nerve cells that boost energy levels] and affects the release of dopamine, which may all improve mood,' says Carrie Ruxton, a dietitian in Fife.

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called Tom Mathers personally. Chris Martin of Coldplay and actor Hugh Grant have also sent video messages to Tom Mathers, imploring him to change his mind.

Severine says she's had no reply from Allievex for a year. Then, last week, after being contacted by Good Health, Tom Mathers responded to an email she sent in August 2021.

Allievex met with the U.S. regulator, the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) yesterday in the hope of gaining fast-track approval for the drug.

In an email to Good Health, Tom Mathers said the company's 'laser focus' is on 'securing regulatory agreement in place with FDA and EMA [the European Medicines Agency] for further development of tralesinidase alfa.

'We are using every ounce of drug product to support our ongoing clinical study and are at risk of running out.

'If we are unable to gain regulatory agreement with FDA or EMA, the company will most likely be unable to secure necessary financing to continue the program.'

Severine, meanwhile, can only hope Sebastien's life will be saved.

'If I don't try everything to help my son I'd never forgive myself,' she says. 'I wake up every day ready for battle.'

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How sharks could hold key to OUR immunity

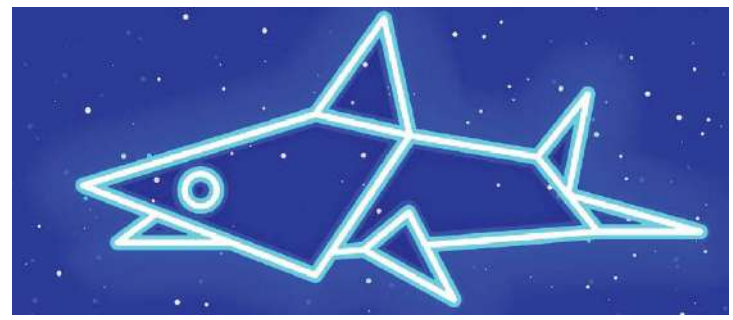
THEY have a fearsome reputation, but could sharks soon be helping to save many more human lives than the ten or so they take each year?

Over 400 million years of evolution, sharks' immune systems have developed into finely-tuned defences, much more precise than humans' and which are capable of seeing off almost any dangerous virus or life-threatening tumour.

It's thought to be one of the main reasons why some species, such as the great white, can live for up to 70 years. Sharks also have exceptional wound healing capabilities, which mean injuries rarely lead to death.

Now researchers have solved the puzzle of why sharks' immune systems are so effective at warding off disease. And the findings could lead to new medicines to combat illnesses such as cancer and rheumatoid arthritis.

In humans, when the immune system senses the presence of foreign cells (such as a virus, or bacteria) it releases a protein called an antibody. This latches on to a specific molecule on the surface of the virus or bacteria and calls up support from more potent immune system cells, called T-cells, to kill the invader.



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Separately scientists have developed man-made antibodies, 'monoclonal' antibodies, which are injected into the body to home in on certain rogue cells, such as cancerous ones. Once they've docked with their target, these synthetic antibodies switch on the immune system to attack the tumour cells (Herceptin, the drug used to treat some forms of breast and stomach cancer, is a monoclonal antibody).

But human and man-made antibodies tend to be bulky, Y-shaped molecules which, because of their size, are usually only able to bind to a small number of targets on invading cells. This helps explain why the human immune system and antibody-based medicines are not always 100 per cent effective at seeing off the enemy.

In sharks, antibodies are less than one-tenth the size of those found in humans, allowing them to penetrate deeper into tiny cracks found on the surface of bacteria or cancer cells — improving the chances of them 'sticking' and the immune system destroying the invader.

What's more, tests have shown shark antibodies are very tough. Scientists claim to have boiled them and dipped them in corrosive acid — yet they survived.

'Sharks are among the planet's oldest living creatures so scientists wanted to see if their disease-fighting toolbox was the same as humans',' says Dr Caroline Barelle, chief executive officer of Elasmogen Ltd, a spin-out company from Aberdeen University that's developing synthetic versions of shark antibodies for human medicine.

'They soon found sharks had antibodies which are small and simple, with potentially enormous benefits over large human antibodies that are very complex and can only bind to one target.'

Elasmogen is testing synthetic shark antibodies against triple negative breast cancer, an aggressive form of the disease. The idea is that man-made versions of tiny shark antibodies, injected into the bloodstream, will have a better chance of binding to breast cancer cells by squeezing into tiny gaps on the surface and alerting the immune system.

The other option is loading the shark molecules with chemotherapy drugs which they can smuggle inside cancer cells.

Trials using shark antibodies to treat cancer could take place in the next five to ten years.

Another target is rheumatoid arthritis, a condition that can cause crippling pain. Laboratory tests suggest man-made shark antibodies could carry medication that then homes in on a receptor on the surface of cells in the inflamed joints.

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DIY yoghurt is nutritious ...and cheap!

EVERYWHERE you turn these days, it seems you can't avoid fermented foods — these are very much in vogue in the nutrition and diet worlds, and with good reason.

They contain live microbes that have a range of benefits, from making vitamins to training our immune system and deactivating toxins.

The microbes also improve the food's taste, texture and digestibility (including lowering the lactose — milk sugar — in dairy products, for instance). And they can increase the concentrations of vitamins.

While fermented foods are now a regular part of my diet, I know that for some people, products such as kefir, kimchi, or sauerkraut can be an acquired taste.

And to gain the full range of benefits, you have to be eating the stuff that needs storing in the fridge, which can be strong-flavoured (the jars on the shelves tend to have been pasteurised, killing off the things you want: the microbes).

You may be surprised to hear any food or drink that relies on microbes to produce it technically counts as 'fermented'. This includes chocolate, cheese, coffee, olives, soy sauce, vinegar and even alcohol.

But just because it's fermented doesn't automatically mean it's good for you.

Take yoghurt. Not only is yoghurt a tasty snack on its own, but studies have linked it to a range of health benefits including weight management and a reduced risk of type 2 diabetes.

A STUDY from Wageningen University in the Netherlands, involving more than 110,000 people, found that yoghurt eaters were more likely to be a healthy weight. Another study, in the American Journal of Clinical Nutrition in 2016, found those who consumed 80 g of yoghurt a day had a 14 per cent lower risk of developing type 2 diabetes compared to those who didn't eat any.

These benefits are due to the combined actions of the protein, calcium and bacteria in yoghurt.

The bacteria help break down the lactose into lactic acid (more of that later), and transform several of the milk proteins and fats into compounds with anti-inflammatory properties, for instance. Some of these compounds work like blood pressure medications known as ACE inhibitors.

Other compounds in yoghurt are thought to have an effect on appetite. This might explain, for instance, the findings of a 2014 study by the University of Missouri in the U.S. where people consumed about 100 fewer calories at dinner when their afternoon snack was yoghurt rather than a calorie-matched chocolate bar.

What's more, the lactic acid in yoghurt — which naturally helps prevent bad microbes spoiling it — may boost nutrient absorption and possess antioxidant powers of its own. And because the bacteria in it help 'digest' some of the lactose, people with sensitive guts or lactose intolerance can tolerate yoghurt better than unfermented dairy products, such as milk.

However, not all yoghurt is equal. To make yoghurt, two types of bacteria are needed, *Lactobacillus bulgaricus* and *Streptococcus thermophilus*. Yet some manufacturers heat-treat yoghurt to extend its shelf life, which kills the bacteria. For maximum health benefits look for yoghurts that not only declare they are 'live', but also spell out the number (you want at least 100 million) and names of bacteria. This way, you can be sure it has enough bacteria to survive your acidic stomach.

Many products in supermarket chillers have all kinds of additives, including thickeners and sweeteners. As I've explained before, sweeteners can affect our gut microbes, leading to a raised blood sugar response to food, liver inflammation and weight gain.

While this research has largely been in animals, it's been more recently backed up in human studies, including one published just this month in the journal Cell.

This showed that having saccharin or sucralose every day for two weeks affected the balance of people's gut microbiomes and their blood sugar responses (in other words, how well their body processed sugar, which can lead to weight gain and type 2 diabetes).

It amazes me how some yoghurt brands that claim 'gut health' and list the bacteria on the label also contain such sweeteners.

It's worth checking your usual brand — or make your own! My recipe (above right) shows there's nothing to it.

Fermenting food reminds me of a slow-cooker: once you've prepared it, you just leave it as the mixture (specifically the microbes) does the hard work.

Yoghurt is cheap to make and takes just two minutes to prepare. You then leave it overnight, and *voila*! — by morning it's ready.

Making your own means you can ferment it for longer, for a more tart flavour. It will also provide a bigger hit of lactic acid and less lactose, unlike mainstream yoghurts. And you can add extras, such as milk powder to make it thicker and creamier; or strain it through a muslin cloth for Greek-style yoghurt, which will boost the protein and lower the lactose content. (Use the strained liquid, the whey, for an extra hit of calcium and microbes. I add it to smoothies.)

If you stir in your own fruit flavours while making it, this allows the microbes to ferment some of the fruit sugar, too, enhancing the final flavour plus supporting the growth of beneficial microbes often added to yoghurt such as types of *Lactobacillus*.

I use yoghurt in sauces, dips and baking — to replace cream in baked cheesecake; I also replace half the butter or oil in other cake and biscuit recipes for equal amounts of thick yoghurt.

Can you make yoghurt with plant milk? The microbes used to make traditional yoghurt eat lactose, found in milk from animals. If you try adding these microbes to a lactose-free milk, they starve, leaving a watery mess. But yes, it can be done using plant-based yoghurt starters along with thickeners such as cornflour. You can find recipes on the internet.

But one thing's for sure, once you've started making your own yoghurt, you won't look back!

NOTE: If you're taking antibiotics, I'd suggest having some live yoghurt every day for a month after finishing the course. It helps nourish your gut lining, which is often more sensitive afterwards.

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IF YOU get your daily 30 g of fibre, you'll pass wind between ten to 20 times a day. Don't be alarmed — this is a sign of well-fed and functioning gut microbes.

TRY THIS: LIVE YOGHURT WITH BLUEBERRY JAM

THIS yoghurt will keep in the fridge for up to two weeks, or even longer depending on how fresh the milk is.

- 600ml whole milk
- 1 tbsp milk powder
- 2 tbsp plain yoghurt (check label for 'live cultures')

TOPPER: 140 g blueberries or other berries; 1 Medjool date, chopped; 1 tbsp chia seeds

PLACE the milk and milk powder in a saucepan on a low-medium heat and simmer until it reaches about 45c. Put the yoghurt into an ovenproof jar and slowly stir in the warmed milk mixture so the yoghurt is evenly dispersed. Heat the oven to 50c, then turn it off. Turn on the oven light. Leave the open jar in the oven for eight to 12 hours — the longer you leave it, the thicker and more tart the yoghurt will be.
For the jam topper, put the berries, chopped date and half a cup of water in a saucepan: bring to a gentle simmer then squish the fruit with the back of a spatula and simmer again for ten minutes. Stir in the chia seeds and simmer for two minutes, or until the mixture thickens. Remove from the heat and allow to cool. Stir a spoonful of the jam through each yoghurt serving and place in the fridge to set.

ask Megan

Q I'VE been taking acid reflux medication for several years and generally have a good, if bland, diet to avoid any 'episodes'. But it's pretty limiting and I'd love advice on making it more interesting.

Selina Moore

A FOOD enjoyment is a major part of my approach, and I agree, we need to get you enjoying a broad range of food again.

The first step is to talk to your GP about the underlying cause of your reflux. Has *H.pylori* been ruled out (this common bacterial infection can cause reflux)? Are you at your happy weight (excess weight can put pressure on the valve between the stomach and oesophagus)? Medications such as aspirin and ibuprofen can irritate the gut lining and could also be a factor.

Once these questions have been considered, it may be worth reviewing your current reflux medication and whether the type and dose is right for you.

In a previous column I delved into the dietary strategies for managing reflux, including having smaller, more frequent meals — this simple step is enough in many cases to provide enough relief so you can enjoy a more diverse and delicious range of foods again.

It's also worth experimenting with herbs and spices, such as smoked paprika and rosemary which offer incredible flavour without triggering reflux.

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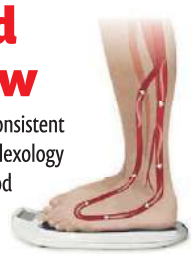


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ART DETECTIVES
Fake Or Fortune?, 8pm, BBC2

FIONA BRUCE and Philip Mould's last case of the series is one of their toughest yet. In a church in Port Glasgow, a painting of the Christ after the Crucifixion caught the eye of art historian Ian Macdonald, who was convinced it was something special. Sadly, Ian died in 2021, so Fiona and Philip are helping his widow Marjorie to find the answers he was seeking. Is it really a lost work by a Flemish Old Master?

CRAFTY COMPETITION
All That Glitters: Britain's Next Jewellery Star, 9pm, BBC2

POSTPONED from Thursday, the latest round of the jewellery contest sees Katherine Ryan (pictured) welcoming six contenders back to the Birmingham workshop to create a pearl chain necklace. Then, they will be designing a charm bracelet for a couple to celebrate their family journey. Whose handiwork will catch the eye of judges Dinny and Shaun?



PICK OF TODAY'S TV

THE GREAT BRITISH BAKE OFF, 8PM, CH4



WHO would have thought that a niche baking competition launched to little fanfare back in 2010 would have become Britain's best-loved show? Only Paul Hollywood remains from that original series, but his fellow judge Prue Leith and hosts Matt Lucas and Noel Fielding (pictured with Paul) look so at home now that it feels as if they have been there forever. As we return to the most famous tent in the country, the initial hurdle awaiting a new batch of 12 eager bakers is Cake Week and their first opportunity to impress the judges with their skills. In the Signature Challenge, they must produce 12 perfect mini cakes, for the Technical they have to create a striking sponge cake and finally, for the Showstopper, they must express their architectural skills as they make a scaled-down version of a home close to their hearts, entirely from sponge. Only one can be crowned star baker, and sadly, one will be going home. You can hear more from that unfortunate loser in Friday night's companion show The Great British Bake Off: An Extra Slice (8pm), when hosts Jo Brand and Tom Allen are joined by celebrity fans Harry Hill, Melvin Odoom and Roisin Conaty to chew over all the talking points from the opening week.

BBC1

6.00 **Breakfast** (HD) The latest news, sport, business and weather from the BBC's Breakfast team.
10.00 **BBC News Special** (HD) Further coverage from across the nation following the death of Her Majesty The Queen.
11.15 **HM The King In Northern Ireland** (HD) King Charles III and Queen Consort Camilla arrive in Belfast. His Majesty will visit Hillsborough Castle in Co Down, will meet the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland and party leaders at Stormont. He will receive a message of condolence led by the Speaker of the Northern Ireland Assembly, and attend a special service at St Anne's Cathedral.
4.00 **BBC News** (HD) The latest national and international news.
4.30 **HM The Queen: The Journey To London** (HD) Coverage of the procession from St Giles' Cathedral to Edinburgh Airport, as Her Majesty The Queen's coffin makes its way to London.
6.05 **BBC News at Six;** Weather (HD)
6.25 **BBC Regional News;** Weather
6.45 **The Eve Of The Procession To Lying-In-State** (HD) Live coverage of the procession to Lying-in-State.

7 PM

8 PM

9 PM

9.00 **The One Show: Our Queen Remembered** (HD) Presented by Alex Jones and Jermaine Jenas.
9.30 **EastEnders** (AD,HD) Kat is less than pleased to see Alfie.

10 PM

10.00 **BBC News at Ten** (HD) The latest national and international news.
10.30 **BBC Regional News** (Followed by Weather)

11 PM

11.10 **BBC News** (HD) BBC1 joins the BBC's rolling news channel through the night.

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Following the death of Her Majesty the Queen, all schedules are subject to change

BBC2

6.05 **A to Z of TV Gardening** (R,HD)
6.50 **Nature's Weirdest Events** (BSL,R,HD) With Chris Packham.
7.20 **Antiques Road Trip** (R,HD)
8.05 **Coast** (R,HD)
9.05 **Lifeline** (R,HD)
9.15 **Animal Park Summer** (R,HD)
10.00 **The Farmers' Country Showdown** (R,HD) Flower farmer Shelley and sweet pea grower Darren compete at the Kent County Show.
10.30 **Wanted Down Under** (R,HD)
11.15 **Homes Under the Hammer** (AD,HD) Properties in the West Midlands, Essex and Swansea.
12.15 **Bargain Hunt** (AD,R,HD)
1.00 **BBC News** (HD)
1.45 **Doctors** (AD,HD) Sid is surprised to get a visit from an old flame.
2.15 **Money for Nothing** (R,HD) From Earlswood Recycling Centre.
3.00 **Escape to the Country** (AD,HD) Jules Hudson is in Powys.
3.45 **The Bidding Room** (R,HD)
4.30 **Antiques Road Trip** (HD) Raj Bisram and Irita Marriott travel around Northamptonshire.
5.15 **Flog It!** (R,HD) From Manchester.
5.30 **Live Women's T20 Cricket** (HD) England v India. Coverage of the second match of the series, which comes from The County Ground in Derby. Continues on BBC4.

7 PM
7.00 **Celebrity Antiques Road Trip** (R,HD) *Red Dwarf* co-stars Craig Charles and Robert Llewellyn travel around the West Midlands in search of antiques, assisted by experts Izzie Balmer and Tim Medhurst.

8 PM
8.00 PICK **Fake or Fortune?** (AD,HD) The origins of a 17th-century painting of Christ having just been brought down from the cross, currently hanging in a Port Glasgow church. Last in series.

9 PM
9.00 PICK **All That Glitters: Britain's Next Jewellery Star** (HD) Six up-and-coming jewellers are tasked to make a pearl chain necklace and a bespoke charm bracelet.

10 PM
10.00 **Mortimer & Whitehouse: Gone Fishing** (R,HD) Paul Whitehouse and Bob Mortimer head to the River Exe in Devon.
10.30 **Newsnight** (HD) (Followed by Weather)

11 PM
11.15 **Martin Compston's Scottish Fling** (AD,R,HD) The actor travels across his homeland with his friend Phil MacHugh.
11.45 **Inside the Factory XL: Diggers** (AD,R,HD) With Gregg Wallace and Cherry Healey.

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12.45 **Picturing Elizabeth: Her Life in Images** (BSL,R,HD) Documentary revealing how Queen Elizabeth II became the most visually represented person in human history. **1.45** The Hotel People (BSL,R,HD) **2.45** This Is BBC2 (HD)

ITV

6.00 **Good Morning Britain** (HD) Morning magazine featuring a lively mix of news and current affairs, plus health, entertainment and lifestyle features.
9.00 **Lorraine** (HD) Entertainment, current affairs and fashion news, as well as showbiz stories. Presented by Lorraine Kelly.
10.00 **This Morning** (HD) A mix of celebrity chat, lifestyle features, advice and competitions.
12.00 **ITV News: The King's Tour — Northern Ireland** (HD) Live coverage of HM The King's visit to Northern Ireland. Accompanied by the Queen Consort, His Majesty will be welcomed at Belfast City Airport, before visiting Hillsborough Castle in Co Down. He will then return to Stormont to receive a message of condolence from the speaker of the Stormont Assembly. Charles and Camilla will attend a service of reflection for the life of the Queen at St Anne's Cathedral, before undertaking a walkabout at Writers' Square.
1.30 **News;** Weather (HD)
4.00 **ITV News: Queen Elizabeth II — Return to the Palace** (HD)
6.10 **Regional News;** Weather (HD)
6.20 **News;** Weather (HD)

7 PM

8 PM
8.05 **Emmerdale** (AD,HD) As Ethan tries to convince Naomi to do the right thing, Kim prepares to reconnect with a much-missed Millie. Can Al and Chas revel in their intimacy?

9 PM
9.05 **Charles, The Monarch and the Man** (HD) Documentary on King Charles III, the former Prince of Wales who took over as monarch following the death of his mother, Queen Elizabeth II, on Thursday.

10 PM
10.00 **News** (HD) (Followed by Weather)
10.45 **Regional News** (HD) (Followed by Weather)

11 PM
11.00 **Our Queen The People's Stories** (HD) Members of the public share their memories of Queen Elizabeth II, whose death was announced on Thursday.

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12.00 **Shop: Ideal World** (HD) **3.00** Take the Tower (AD,BSL,R,HD) Game show, hosted by Dolph Lundgren. **3.45** Unwind with ITV (HD) **5.10** Ainsley's Mediterranean Cookbook (R,HD) Ainsley Harriott embarks on a journey across the Mediterranean.

CHANNEL 4

6.10 **Countdown** (R,HD)
6.50 **3rd Rock from the Sun** (AD,R)
7.15 **3rd Rock from the Sun** (AD,R)
7.40 **Everybody Loves Raymond** (AD,R)
8.05 **Everybody Loves Raymond** (AD,R)
8.30 **Everybody Loves Raymond** (AD,R)
9.00 **Frasier** (AD,R)
9.30 **Frasier** (AD,R)
10.00 **Frasier** (AD,R)
10.30 **Four in a Bed** (R,HD)
11.00 **The Great House Giveaway** (R,HD) A delivery driver and company owner transform a family home in Middlesbrough.
12.00 **Channel 4 News Summary** (HD)
12.30 **Steph's Packed Lunch** (HD) Weekday magazine show, hosted by Steph McGovern.
2.10 **Countdown** (HD) Rick Edwards is in Dictionary Corner.
3.00 **A Place in the Sun** (R,HD) Jasmine Harman helps a retired couple to find a new home on Lanzarote.
4.00 **Chateau DIY** (AD,HD) Ben and Vanessa rush to finish their new bar.
5.00 **Moneybags** (HD) Quiz show, hosted by Craig Charles.
6.00 **The Simpsons** (AD,R,HD) Bart is placed on experimental medication in a bid to control his behaviour.
6.30 **Hollyoaks** (AD,R,HD) Warren is heartbroken when he finally finds out that his son ran him over.

7 PM
7.00 **Channel 4 News** (HD)

8 PM
8.00 PICK **The Great British Bake Off** (AD,HD) New series. Noel Fielding and Matt Lucas welcome 12 new contestants into the tent, baking mini cakes and two sponges, including one in the shape of a house close to their hearts.

9 PM
9.30 **First Dates Hotel** (AD,HD) Twins Bethany and Shannon arrive at the Italian hotel on the lookout for love, while Annie is paired with Rachel on a date that proves opposites do attract.

10 PM
10.30 **Rosie Jones' Trip Hazard** (AD,HD) Rosie and rapper Lady Leshurr face a 418ft abseil challenge in Northampton, and prepare by going up in a microlight and taking part in an anti-gravity yoga class.

11 PM
11.35 **Gogglebox** (AD,R,HD) The critics share their opinions on what they have been watching during the week, with cameras capturing their instant reactions.

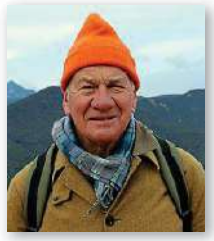
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12.35 FILM **24 Hours in A&E** (R,HD) **1.30** The Simpsons (AD,R) **1.55** The Simpsons (AD,R,HD) **2.20** FILM: The Dressmaker (2015) (12) ◆ (AD,HD) Drama, starring Kate Winslet. **4.15** Perfect House, Secret Location (AD,BSL,R,HD) **5.15** The Great Home Transformation (AD,BSL,R,HD)

(R) Repeat. (HD) High Definition. (AD) Audio Description. (b/w) Not in colour. (BSL) British Sign Language.

■ Family viewing ● Generally suitable for all ◆ Caution recommended

MOUNTAIN TREK

The Pyrenees With Michael Portillo, 9pm, Ch5



THIS final leg is a deeply personal one as Michael (pictured) walks a route through the mountains taken by many political refugees — including his own father — as they fled the Spanish Civil War. Heading ever farther downhill, he stops at a vineyard, a tortoise sanctuary and a national park before, on the shores of the Mediterranean, he takes time to reflect on his journey.

FILM CHOICE

An Officer And A Gentleman, 11pm, Ch5

MILITARY-THEMED romantic drama starring Richard Gere as the headstrong Navy recruit whose arrogance and coolness finally dissolve to the surging sound of Jennifer Warnes and Joe Cocker's Up Where We Belong. Debra Winger is the factory girl lifting him up.

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake! Kid-E-Cats (HD) **6.05** Peppa Pig (AD,R) **6.10** Peppa Pig (AD,R,HD) **6.15** Peppa Pig (AD,R) **6.20** Mya Go (R,HD) **6.30** Blue's Clues & You (R,HD) **6.55** Fireman Sam (R,HD) **7.05** Thomas & Friends: All Engines Go! **7.15** Peppa Pig (AD,R,HD) **7.20** Peppa Pig (AD,HD) **7.25** Paw Patrol (R,HD) **7.35** Milo (R,HD) **7.50** Pip and Posy (R,HD) **8.05** The Adventures of Paddington (R,HD) **8.20** Ricky Zoom (R,HD) **8.35** Peppa Pig (AD,R,HD) **8.40** Daisy & Ollie (R,HD) **8.50** Odo (R,HD) **8.55** Kangaroo Beach (R) **9.10** Sunny Bunnies (R)

9.15 Jeremy Vine (HD) The broadcaster and guests discuss the issues of the day, with co-host Storm Huntley.

12.45 Holiday Homes in the Sun (HD)

1.40 5 News at Lunchtime (HD)

1.45 Home and Away (AD,HD)

2.15 A Midsummer's Hawaiian Dream FILM (2016) (PG) ● (HD) Two couples go in search of an ancient relic in Hawaii, only to fall under a shaman's love spell. Romantic fantasy comedy, starring Amy Carlson.

4.00 Bargain-Loving Brits in the Sun (R,HD) Documentary following Brits who moved to Spain for sun and a low-cost life.

5.00 5 News (HD)

6.00 Cash in the Attic (AD,HD) Jules Hudson and appraiser Jessica Wall help a couple in Cornwall.

6.55 5 News Update (HD)

7.00 Dogs Behaving (Very) Badly (R,HD) Graeme Hall treats a dog that has become aggressive towards other dogs after being attacked, and helps a cancer patient with a golden retriever.

7.55 5 News Update (HD)

8.00 The Yorkshire Vet (AD,HD) Peter Wright helps a pregnant cow that is expecting twins, and farmer Will is worried that neither calf will survive. Julian Norton meets a ferret with an infected foot. (Followed by 5 News Update)

9.00 The Pyrenees with Michael Portillo PICK (HD) The broadcaster retraces the route through the Catalonian Pyrenees his father used to flee in 1939 as a political refugee from the Spanish Civil War. Last in series.

10.00 The Great Smog: Winter of '52 (HD) Part two of two. Exploring the fear that paralysed London as the disaster entered day three, with the public not understanding what was happening, and a lack of action from the government.

11.00 An Officer and a Gentleman FILM CHOICE (1982) (15) ◆ (HD) A Navy recruit has an uneasy romance with a factory worker and is pushed to his limits by a tough sergeant. Romantic drama, starring Richard Gere and Debra Winger.

1.20 Casualty 24/7: Every Second Counts (R,HD) **2.10** A&E After Dark (R,HD) **3.00** Entertainment News on 5 (HD) **3.05** Britain's Favourite Chocolate (R,HD) **4.45** Amazing Cakes & Bakes (R,HD) **5.30** Peppa Pig (BSL,R) **5.35** Paw Patrol (R,HD) **5.50** Fireman Sam (BSL,R,HD)

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Why Brazil's bad boy leader makes Trump look like the Dalai Lama...



ROLAND WHITE
LAST NIGHT'S TV

The Boys From Brazil: Rise Of The Bolsonaros ★★★★☆
Britain's Greatest Obsessions, with Harry Hill ★★★☆☆

JUST imagine a political figure with outrageous opinions who insults his opponents, is known for his embarrassing gaffes and is dismissed as a joke by all the people who are supposed to matter — yet who unexpectedly wins power.

We're spoiled for choice these days, but the man portrayed in **The Boys From Brazil** (BBC2) was Jair Bolsonaro, who makes Donald Trump look like the Dalai Lama.

In this second episode of a three-part series examining his rise to power, we saw him goose-stepping onto a stage with a silly grin on his face. He proudly claimed to be in favour of torture, and told someone who asked him an awkward question: 'You have a terrible homosexual face.'

Bolsonaro is now the President of Brazil and last night's episode tried to answer the obvious question: 'How did that happen?'

The answer, it seems, is partly luck. It certainly helps when your main opponent, who is battering you in the opinion polls, is jailed for corruption. That's what happened to former president Lula da Silva.

But Bolsonaro really owes his success to social media.

Two years before polling day, Bolsonaro's opinion poll rating was 4 per cent, way behind Lula's 23 per cent. Then his son Carlos had the idea of marketing his father as a lifestyle brand on YouTube. Gradually other social media sites caught on. Soon Bolsonaro was greeted at airports like a pop star, carried on the shoulders of adoring crowds. He cleverly won the support of the influential Evangelical church and began to rise in the polls.

He even managed to turn an assassination attempt to his advantage. With his life hanging in the balance after he was stabbed at a rally, he broadcast from his hospital bed in a clear pitch to the sympathy vote. Worked, didn't it?

And what did we learn from all this? That if the Liberal Democrats could find a charismatic leader and a social media genius, they might surprise us all.

A programme that tries to understand the British sense of humour must either have some new and profound things to say, or a string of good gags.

Britain's Greatest Obsessions (Sky History) didn't really have either, but the XXL-collared comedian Harry Hill made a decent enough attempt to discover why having a bit of a laugh is so important in this country.

Henning Wehn, billed as The Only Funny German, explained that his countrymen definitely have a sense of humour but don't hold it in high regard.

'It doesn't matter how much you mess up at work, as long as you can tell the tale of your underachievement in an entertaining fashion,' he said of the British. 'In Germany, they laugh once the work is done.'

I could have done with more of Harry Hill meeting funny people and less of the celebrity panel, which featured Suggs of Madness, Chris Packham, Lorraine Kelly, Liza Tarbuck and the comedian Reginald D. Hunter (although Hunter was admittedly good on the differences between U.S. and British humour. Americans, he said, don't understand sarcasm).

At one point Harry interviewed the actress Bonnie Langford, who was billed as an expert on pantomime. But is she really?

'I'm thinking that, for a lot of us, our first experience of humour would be panto,' said Harry Hill.

'Absolutely,' she replied.

You see? A real panto expert would have replied instinctively: 'Oh no it isn't!'

■ *CHRISTOPHER STEVENS is away.*

JOURNEY OF THE WEEK: It was predicted on Mars — A Traveller's Guide: Horizon (BBC4) that explorers could soon travel to the red planet, but space engineer Abbie Hutty warned of problems. Speaking about take-off, she said: 'It's either going to work or it's going to go up in flames.' Not entirely reassuring.

WELSH TV VARIATIONS

BBC1: 6.30pm BBC Wales Today. **10.40** Ruck Stars.

BBC2: 1.45pm First Minister's Questions. **2.35** Eggheads. **3.05** Flipping Profit. **3.50** Wanted: A Simple Life. **4.35** The Best Dishes Ever. **4.45** Murder, Mystery and My Family.

ITV: 11.00pm Face to Face. **11.10** The Thief, His Wife and the Canoe: The Real Story.

S4C: 6.00am Cyw. **12noon** Newyddion S4C a'r Tywydd. **12.05** Pysgod i Bawb. **12.30** Heno. **1.00** Caeau Cymru. **1.30** Cefn Gwlad. **2.00** Newyddion S4C a'r Tywydd. **2.05** Prynhawn Da. **3.00** Newyddion S4C a'r Tywydd. **3.05** Yr Anialwch. **4.00** Awr Fawr: Olobobs. **4.05** Awr Fawr: Jambori. **4.15** Awr Fawr: Ein Byd Bach Ni. **4.25** Awr Fawr: Pablo. **4.40** Awr Fawr: Amser Maith Maith yn Ol. **5.00** Stwnsh. **6.00** Dim Byd i'w Wisgo. **6.30** Dim Byd i'w Wisgo. **6.57** Newyddion S4C. **7.00** Heno. **7.30** Newyddion S4C a'r Tywydd. **8.00** Pobol y Cwm. **8.25** Rownd a Rownd. **8.55** Newyddion S4C a'r Tywydd. **9.00** Gwesty Aduniad. **10.00** Ogof Gwddf y Diafol. **11.00** Codi Hwyl.

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PICK OF DIGITAL & ON DEMAND TV

EPIC ADVENTURES WITH BERTIE GREGORY, DISNEY+

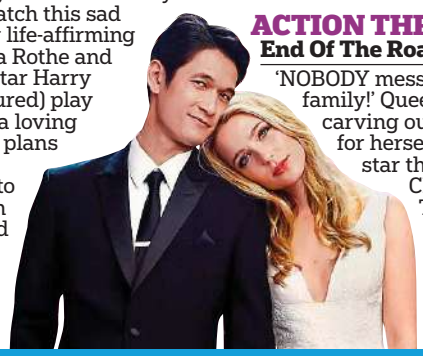


IS BERTIE (pictured) the man to take over from Sir David Attenborough as the world's favourite natural-world storyteller? The 29-year-old, who studied zoology at the University of Bristol, went on to win a Bafta for his work on Sir David's 2019 series Seven Worlds, One Planet, as he carved out a name for himself as an up-and-coming wildlife photographer and presenter. In this spectacular five-part series, he criss-crosses the globe to capture awesome animal footage. Amazingly, the nail-biting stories of how Bertie gets to the right places to film his subjects are as gripping as the traditional wildlife stuff. The first of his five adventures follows him to the icy Antarctic, where he hopes to find the biggest gathering of whales ever captured on camera. Then, he's in Zambia for an encounter with some amazing lions that specialise in hunting buffalo. We also follow Bertie as he goes in search of sharks and dolphin in the Pacific, and majestic eagles in Africa.

TEAR-JERKER

All My Life, Netflix

HAVE a hanky to hand before you sit down to watch this sad but ultimately life-affirming drama. Jessica Rothe and Glee's dance star Harry Shum Jr (pictured) play Jenn and Sol, a loving couple whose plans for the future are thrown into disarray when Sol falls ill and scans turn up a tumour. The chemistry between the leads is so sweet that the film remains hopeful and human even at its darkest moments.



ACTION THRILLER

End Of The Road, Netflix

'NOBODY messes with my family!' Queen Latifah is carving out quite a name for herself as an action star these days. Close behind The Equalizer reboot series comes this tension-filled chase movie in which the rapper-turned-actress plays a mum trying to keep her family safe on a road trip across the U.S. after they witness a murder at a motel.

L.A. DRAMA

American Gigolo, Paramount+

AN ADAPTATION of the 1980 film, with Jon Bernthal stepping into Richard Gere's shoes to play male prostitute Julian Kaye, whose clientele are typically wealthy older women. The film's director, Paul Schrader, has said the TV series is 'a terrible idea', but Bernthal is a magnetic presence and he has strong support from Rosie O'Donnell and Gretchen Mol.

Time	BBC 4	E4	ITV2
	9 (Scot 24)	13	6
7.00pm	**Live Women's T20 Cricket** England v India. Coverage of the second match of the series, which comes from The Incora County Ground in Derby. The sides have not met in a T20 here since 2006, when India recorded a six-wicket victory, but England are currently a force to be reckoned with in this format and are second in the ICC Women's T20I Rankings, below only Australia and two places above today's opponents	**Hollyoaks** Sam confides in Lizzie and Ethan, who encourage him to come clean	**Secret Crush** Junior tells Jade he has had a crush on her for the last ten years, while Birmingham drag sensation Mia wants to sashay into the sunset with Minxy
7.30pm		**The Big Bang Theory** Leonard argues with Penny when one of her male friends stays over	
8.00pm		**Below Deck: Mediterranean** A homesick Jen feels like she is getting assigned all of the tedious tasks by Bryan and feels under-used	**Bob's Burgers** Teddy tries to impress his ex-wife by organising a day trip on his boat
8.30pm			**Bob's Burgers** Tina turns to witchcraft
9.00pm		**Married at First Sight UK** It is the second dinner party of the experiment, but while most eagerly anticipate the evening ahead, two grooms arrive alone	**Family Guy** Peter and his cronies decide to confront God
9.30pm	**Gorbachev. Heaven — Storyville** A portrait of the late Mikhail Gorbachev, a hero to the West because of his policies of Glasnost and Perestroika, but blamed in his own country for destroying the Soviet Empire		**Family Guy** Chris learns he is the heir to Carter's fortune
10.00pm		**Celeb Cooking School** Kerry, Toby and Laura need to master pastry, but are shocked when Giorgio loses his cool over quiche	**Plebs** Marcus is asked out during the Roman festival of love
10.30pm			**Plebs** The boys attend a free trial session at a new bathhouse
11.00pm	**11.10 Ted Hughes: Stronger Than Death** Examining how the poet's life shaped his work, including an interview with his daughter Frieda (To 12.40)	**11.05 Naked Attraction** Singletons from Somerset and Coventry take their pick of six potential partners (To 12.10)	**Family Guy** Stewie becomes addicted to ADHD medication
11.30pm			**American Dad! 11.55 American Dad!** (To 12.25)

A-Z SATELLITE LISTINGS

ALIBI

Sky 109 Virgin 126

12noon Death in Paradise. **1.00** Father Brown. **2.00** Murdoch Mysteries. **4.00** The Doctor Blake Mysteries. **5.00** Unforgettable. **6.00** Major Crimes. **7.00** Rizzoli & Isles. **8.00** Death in Paradise. **9.00** The Game. **10.15** Death in Paradise. **11.15** Murdoch Mysteries.

ANIMAL PLANET

Virgin 251

12noon Tanked. **1.00** How Do Animals Do That? **2.00** Wild Australia. **3.00** Wild Hawaii. **4.00** My Cat from Hell. **5.00** Animal Cops Philadelphia. **6.00** Tanked. **7.00** Pit Bulls & Parolees. **8.00** The Zoo. **10.00** Alaska Monsters. **11.00** Cold Blooded Peruvian Predator.

BBC ALBA

Sky 169 Virgin 161

6.00am Alba Today. **6.00pm** Alba Rioghail (The Royal Family in Scotland). Catriona Murray looks back at the royal family's visits to Scotland. **7.00** Innsean an Iar — Hebrides. Songs about the relationship between the islands' people, music and moorland. **7.30** Dealbhan Fraoich (Heather's Portraits). Heather Dewar visits Applecross, where she draws a colour portrait of former fisherman and ferryman Ewen Mackenzie. **8.00** An La. **8.30** An Lot. **9.00** Iron Women/Boireannaich Iarainn. **10.00** Trusadh. **11.00** Machair. **11.25** Dealbh is Slighe. **11.35** Sorchar nan Reul.

BBC THREE

Freeview 23 Sky 117

7.00pm Top Gear. **7.00** The Catch Up. **8.00** The Fast and the Farmer-ish. **9.00** Squad Dates. **10.00** The Rap Game UK. **11.00** Ladhood **11.25** This Country. **11.50** The Fast and the Farmer-ish.

BT SPORT 1

Sky 413 Virgin 527

11.00am Live UEFA Youth League. Sporting Lisbon U19 v Tottenham Hotspur U19 (Kick-off 11am). **1.00pm** ESPN FC. **1.30** UEFA Europa League & Conference League Magazine. **2.30** Joe Cole Cast. **3.00** Live UEFA Youth League. Liverpool U19 v Ajax U19 (Kick-off 3pm). **5.00** ESPN FC. **5.30** Live UEFA Champions League. Viktoria Plzen v Inter Milan (Kick-off 5.45pm). **7.45** Live UCL Goals Show. **10.15** BT Sport Films. **11.15** Goals Reload. **11.30** Premiership Rugby.

BT SPORT 2

Sky 414 Virgin 528

10.00am Canadian Premier League. **2.00pm** 30 for 30: Deion's Double Play. **3.00** 30 for 30. **4.00** UEFA Champions League Magazine. **4.30** World Padel Tour. **6.30** Joe Cole Cast. **7.00** Live UEFA Champions League. Liverpool v Ajax (Kick-off 8pm). **10.30** Live UEFA Champions League Tonight. **11.30** Joe Cole Cast.

BT SPORT 3

Sky 417 Virgin 529

9.00am Ligue 1. **2.00pm** Serie A. **3.00** Goals Reload. **3.15** BT Sport Films. **5.00** Live UEFA Champions League. Sporting Lisbon v Tottenham Hotspur (Kick-off 5.45pm). **8.15** Live UEFA Champions League. Marseille v Eintracht Frankfurt (Kick-off 8.00pm). **10.00** Currie Club. **10.30** Premier League Stories. **11.00** Hero CPL Highlights. **11.30** Live: Hero CPL. Trinbago Knight Riders v Barbados Royals.

COMEDY CENTRAL

Sky 112 Virgin 181

11.00am Friends. **9.00pm** FILM: Police Academy. (1984) (15) **11.00** Ridiculousness.

DAVE (DAYTIME)

Freeview 19 Sky 111

12noon Bangers and Cash. **1.00** BorderForce: America's Gatekeepers. **2.00** Top Gear. **3.00** Rick Stein's Secret France. **4.00** Top Gear. **5.00** Rick Stein's Secret France. **6.00** Taskmaster.

DISCOVERY

Sky 125 Virgin 250

11.00am Wheeler Dealers. **12noon** Railroad Alaska. **1.00** Hoffman Family Gold. **2.00** Lone Star Law. **3.00** Homestead Rescue: Raney Ranch. **4.00** Alaska: The Last Frontier. **5.00** Wheeler Dealers. **6.00** Kindig Customs. **7.00** Junkyard Empire. **8.00** Railroad Alaska. **9.00** Gold Rush. **10.00** Gold Rush: Dave Turin's Lost Mine. **11.00** Yukon Men.

DRAMA (DAYTIME)

Freeview 20 Sky 143 Virgin 130

9.40am Classic Holby City. **11.00** Casualty. **12noon** The Bill. **1.00** Classic EastEnders. **2.15** Monarch of the Glen. **3.20** A Place to Call Home. **4.20** All Creatures Great and Small. **5.20** Birds of a Feather. **6.00** Are You Being Served? **6.40** 'Allo 'Allo!

E4 (DAYTIME)

Freeview 13 Sky 135 Virgin 106

11.00am Young Sheldon. **12noon** Brooklyn Nine-Nine. **1.00** The Big Bang Theory. **3.00** Young Sheldon. **4.00** Married at First Sight UK. **5.00** The Big Bang Theory.

EDEN

Sky 166 Virgin 245

12noon Secrets of the Solar System. **2.00** Nature's Nurseries. **3.00** Wild Colombia with Nigel Marven. **5.00** India's New Worlds. **6.00** The Zoo. **7.00** Secrets of the Solar System. **8.00** India's New Worlds. **9.00** Wild Colombia with Nigel Marven. **10.00** The Zoo. **11.00** Secrets of the Solar System.

EUROSPORT 1

Sky 410 Virgin 521

10.30am Cycling: Tour of Romania. **11.00** 72: A Gathering of Champions. **1.00pm** Vuelta a Espana. **2.00** Live Cycling: Tour of Luxembourg. **4.05** Cycling: Montreal Grand Prix. **4.30** Live Cycling: Tour of Slovakia. **6.00** Cycling: Tour of Romania. **7.00** Sailing: Spirit of Yachting. **7.30** Speedway Grand Prix. **8.30** FIA World Endurance Championship. **9.30** Show Jumping. **10.30** Tour of Luxembourg. **11.30** Tour of Slovakia.

FILM4

Freeview 14 Sky 313 Virgin 428

11.00am WATERLOO ROAD. (1944) (PG) 12.35pm BORDER RIVER. (1954) (U) 2.20 THE COURT-MARTIAL OF BILLY MITCHELL. (1955) (U) 4.25 THE LONG SHIPS. (1963) (PG) 7.05 FANTASTIC FOUR. (2015) (12) 9.00 RAIDERS OF THE LOST ARK. (1981) (PG) 11.15 A HIDDEN LIFE. (2019) (12)

5STAR (DAYTIME)

Freeview 32 Sky 128 Virgin 151

12noon Shoplifters & Scammers: At War with the Law. **1.00** Traffic Cops. **2.00** Police Interceptors. **5.00** Dogs with Extraordinary Friends. **6.00** Home and Away.

5 USA (DAYTIME)

Freeview 21 Sky 141 Virgin 153

12noon Law & Order. **2.55** Entertainment News on 5. **3.00** Law & Order. **4.55** Entertainment News on 5. **5.00** Law & Order. **6.00** NCIS.

FOOD NETWORK UK

Freeview 43 Sky 140 Virgin 285

6.00pm The Great British Bake Off. **8.00** The Hairy Bikers' Food Tour of Britain. **9.00** Rick Stein's Fruits of the Sea. **10.00** Rachel Khoo's Simple Pleasures. **11.00** Restaurant: Impossible.

GOLD

Sky 110 Virgin 124

11.30am Desmond's. **12.05pm** 2point4 Children. **12.40** Dad's Army. **1.20** Outnumbered. **2.00** Keeping Up Appearances. **2.40** Last of the Summer Wine. **4.00** Dad's Army. **4.40** Still Open All Hours. **5.20** Keeping Up Appearances. **6.00** Hi-de-Hi! **6.40** Dad's Army. **8.00** Only Fools and Horses. **8.40** Murder, They Hope. **9.40** Bottom. **11.00** This Time with Alan Partridge. **11.40** Billy Connolly Does...

GREAT! MOVIES

Freeview 34 Sky 321 Virgin 425

12.50pm GREAT! MOVIE NEWS EXTRA. 1.00 SIGNED, SEALED, DELIVERED. 1.55 GREAT! MOVIE NEWS. 2.01 SIGNED, SEALED, DELIVERED. 2.50 GREAT! MOVIE NEWS EXTRA. 3.00 HEART OF A STRANGER. (2002) (PG) 4.45 GEORGY GIRL. (1966) (12) 6.40 HOW DO YOU KNOW. (2010) (12) 9.00 THE GIRL WITH THE DRAGON TATTOO. (2011) (18)

GREAT! MOVIES ACTION

Freeview 42 Sky 323 Virgin 426

11.00am STARSKY & HUTCH. 1.00pm TWO RODE TOGETHER. (1961) (PG) 1.55 THIS WEEK BACK THEN. 2.01 TWO RODE TOGETHER. (1961) (PG) 3.15 KILLER CALIBER .32. (1967) (PG) 4.10 THIS WEEK BACK THEN. 4.16 KILLER CALIBER .32. (1967) (PG) 5.10 RED ROSE OF NORMANDY. (2011) (12) 6.05 THIS WEEK BACK THEN. 6.11 RED ROSE OF NORMANDY. (2011) (12) 7.15 100 DEGREES BELOW ZERO. (2013) (PG) 8.10 THIS WEEK BACK THEN. 8.16 100 DEGREES BELOW ZERO. (2013) (PG) 9.00 THE NET. (1995) (12) 9.55 THIS WEEK BACK THEN. 10.01 THE NET. (1995) (12) 11.15 BODY ARMOUR. (2007) (15)

GREAT! CHRISTMAS

Freeview 52 Sky 319 Virgin 424

10.00am Finding Father Christmas. (2016) (PG) Includes GREAT! Movie News. **12noon** Marrying Father Christmas. (2018) (U) Includes GREAT! Movie News. **2.00** Christmas Mix. (2014) (PG) Includes GREAT! Movie News. **4.00** Correcting Christmas. (2014) (PG) Includes GREAT! Movie News. **6.00** Annie Claus Is Coming to Town. (2011) (PG) Includes GREAT! Movie News. **8.00** My Santa. (2013) (PG) Includes GREAT! Movie News. **10.00** A Dogwalker's Christmas Tale. (2015) Includes GREAT! Movie News.

GREAT! TV

Freeview 50 Sky 157 Virgin 189

1.00pm Body of Proof. **2.00** Sue Thomas: F.B.Eye. **4.00** Murder, She Wrote. **6.00** Hart to Hart. **7.00** M*A*S*H. **9.00** Randall and Hopkirk (Deceased). The ghost of a gangster settles old scores. **10.00** The Persuaders! Brett starts acting out of character after he escapes mysterious kidnappers. **11.00** Who Wants to Be a Millionaire?

ITV2 (DAYTIME)

Freeview 6 Sky 118 Virgin 115

11.00am Hart of Dixie. **12noon** Supermarket Sweep. **1.00** Family Fortunes. **2.00** The Masked Singer U.S.. **3.05** Veronica Mars. **4.00** One Tree Hill. **5.00** Hart of Dixie. **6.00** Catchphrase Celebrity Special.

ITV3 (DAYTIME)

Freeview 10 Sky 119 Virgin 117

11.30am Heartbeat. **1.40pm** Classic Emmerdale. **2.45** Classic Coronation Street. **3.50** Agatha Christie's Poirot: One, Two, Buckle My Shoe. **6.00** Heartbeat.

ITV4 (DAYTIME)

Freeview 26 Sky 120 Virgin 118

10.00am Minder. **11.10** The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes. **12.20pm** The Saint. **1.30** Match Time Revisited. **2.35** Magnum, PI. **3.35** The Sweeney. **4.45** Minder. **5.55** Match Time Revisited.

ITVBE

Freeview 28 Sky 131 Virgin 119

9.00am LittleBe. **12noon** Best Cake Wins. **12.30** The Real Housewives of

RADIO 4

FM: 92.4-94.6MHZ; LW: 198KHZ

5.30 News Briefing. 5.43 Prayer for the Day. 5.45 Farming Today. 5.58 Tweet of the Day. 6.00 Today. 8.31 (LW) Yesterday in Parliament.
9.00 The Life Scientific.
9.30 One to One. Gillian Burke explores her love of Gospel music.
9.45 (LW) Daily Service.
9.45 (FM) Book of the Week: A Visible Man. By Edward Enninful.
10.00 Woman's Hour.
11.00 The Curious Cases of Rutherford & Fry.
11.30 PICK Icon.
12.00 News; (LW) Shipping Forecast.
12.04 Call You and Yours.
12.57 Weather.
1.00 The World at One.
1.45 Reflections on Majesty. Lady Antonia Fraser reflects on the reign of Elizabeth II.
2.00 The Archers.
2.15 Drama: Love Across the Ages.
3.00 Short Cuts.
3.30 Costing the Earth.
4.00 The Listening Project.
4.30 Great Lives. Soprano Lesley Garrett celebrates the life of George Lascelles.
5.00 PM; (LW) Shipping Forecast.
5.57 Weather.
6.00 Six O'Clock News.
6.30 Alone. Sitcom, by Moray Hunter.
7.00 The Archers. There's a surprise for Josh.
7.15 Front Row. Arts news.
8.00 File on 4. Tom Wall presents an investigation into the standards of care provided by 'for profit' children's homes.

PICK OF TODAY'S RADIO

ICON, 11.30AM, RADIO 4

DURING one of the many breaks in the filming of the epic disaster that was Cleopatra, Elizabeth Taylor (pictured) and Richard Burton were caught in a series of intimate photographs. They were on a yacht moored in the Bay of Naples and were clearly more than just good friends. This was in 1962; at the time, Elizabeth was married to Eddie Fisher and Richard to Sybil Williams. The first of this new, six-part series — which explores our concept of fame through different facets of Taylor's extraordinary life — argues that these pictures, which have a certain Peeping Tom quality, marked the birth of modern celebrity.

ITV 3

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Heartbeat A marksman sharpens up his sniper skills on a flock of unsuspecting sheep, before heading for Aidensfield and murdering Liz's ex-boyfriend

Martin Clunes: Islands of the Pacific The actor and presenter begins his tour of the Pacific islands in French Polynesia, where he takes a trip on a canoe

Midsomer Murders Habeas Corpus: When wealthy landowner Gregory Lancaster's body goes missing on the night of his death, a sinister web of secrets and lies is exposed in the village of Little Malton. As DCI Barnaby, DS Nelson and new forensic pathologist Kam Karimore investigate the mysterious crime, they find themselves drawn into a world of body-snatching

Professor T A University of Cambridge criminologist is persuaded by a former student to help police investigate a serial rapist (To 12.05)

ITV 4

26

Who Wants to Be a Millionaire? Jeremy Clarkson returns with the quiz, inviting another line-up of contestants to answer questions that could change their lives

World Superbike Highlights Action from both races in the seventh round of the campaign, which came from Magny-Cours in France

Creed II (2018,12) Under the guidance of boxing legend Rocky Balboa, newly crowned heavyweight champion Adonis Creed faces off against Viktor, the son of Ivan Drago, whom his mentor fought in the 1980s. Drama, starring Michael B. Jordan, Sylvester Stallone and Tessa Thompson. Includes FYI Daily

11.40 All Elite Wrestling: Rampage Hard-hitting action (To 12.50)

MORE 4

18

6.55 Escape to the Chateau It's Angel's parents' 50th wedding anniversary

7.55 The Yorkshire Dales and the Lakes Dales craftsman Pete Roe repairs an industrial relic and rescues a sheep that has plunged into a pothole, while a Windermere duo take their first steps in running a guest house

Chernobyl: The New Evidence The second part of this film explores how far Soviet leaders were willing to go to cover up the disaster

Japan's Tsunami: Caught on Camera Amateur footage and eyewitness accounts telling the story of the earthquake and subsequent tsunami

11.20 24 Hours in A&E A pub landlord is brought in with burnt legs as a result of his barbecue gas cylinder exploding (To 12.25)

PICK

36

Hawaii Five-0 The team investigate the murder of a theorist who apparently had compelling evidence that John F. Kennedy's cabinet ordered his assassination

Magnum P.I. While trying to repossess a plane, Higgins and Thomas are forced to land in the jungle when they encounter resistance from a drugs cartel

The Rookie Nolan starts his birthday babysitting a crime scene in a law office. Meanwhile, two of the rookies are set to receive special awards

Banshee Job ends up in hospital after he heads to New York to track down Mr Rabbit, and Alex vows to supply evidence to keep Proctor in prison

Banshee Hood and Carrie become involved in a titanic gun battle with the Ukrainian mob as they try to take down Mr Rabbit. Last in series (To 12.00)

QUEST

12

Outback Opal Hunters Desperate to add value to their opal, the Tunnel Rats take a crash course from the Opal Queen

Salvage Hunters In Leeds, Drew Pritchard and Tee John visit two dealers who have been collecting since 1971. Drew uncovers an old industrial stool and some hand moulds

Scrapyard Dynasty Terry challenges his staff to take on new skills, while Lyndsay and Jemma use unorthodox interviewing techniques

Demolition Down Under The demo team face hurdle after hurdle at an old care home in Perth. Can they keep their excavator clear of surrounding buildings?

How Do They Do It? How Major League baseball bats are made

How Do They Do It? How rescue workers cut open a crushed car (To 12.00)

DAVE

19

Richard Osman's House of Games Nish Kumar and Al Murray test their skills

7.40 Room 101 With Jason Manford, Paloma Faith and Deborah Meaden

8.20 Would I Lie to You? With Patrick Kielty, Bernard Cribbins, Deborah Meaden and Mark Watson

QI XL Jimmy Carr, Aisling Bea and Danny Bhoy compete alongside Alan Davies, as Stephen Fry muddles through the middle show of the middle series

Live at the Apollo Sarah Millican presents stand-up comedy from London's Hammersmith Apollo, introducing sets by Tom Allen and Arj Barker

Have I Got a Bit More News for You Richard Ayoade hosts an extended edition of the satirical quiz, with Andy Hamilton joining Ian Hislop and Paul Merton (To 12.00)

DRAMA

20

7.20 Last of the Summer Wine Feeling rejected by Nora Batty, Compo decides to look up an old girlfriend from his schooldays

Dalziel & Pascoe Feature-length episode, starring Warren Clarke and Colin Buchanan as the chalk-and-cheese detectives. The mysterious death of a wealthy entrepreneur opens up a hornet's nest of family tensions, betrayal and cover-ups involving radioactive waste – and brings Dalziel face to face with an old flame. Cherie Lunghi guest stars

New Tricks Sasha is forced to work with her ex-husband Ned Hancock when their teams investigate the mysterious deaths of a film critic and an artist

11.20 Spooks Part two of two. Harry races to prevent Britain being turned into a dictatorship (To 12.40)

5STAR

32

Caught on Camera: Funniest Moments A bride gets cold feet at the altar, and various clips feature people who do not get what they want

999: Criminals Caught on Camera A fake robbery is caught on camera, and Nick Wallis also reveals how cameras are helping to catch fly tippers

Bargain Brits on Benefits Cameras follow folks whose clever ideas and savvy schemes save them a small fortune

999: Emergency Call Out PC Ben and paramedic Lisa head to north Kent, where a stolen car has crashed on a residential street

999: Critical Condition When Simon is helicoptered into hospital following an industrial accident, trauma team leader Anthony fears the worst (To 12.00)

5 USA

21

NCIS An NCIS polygraph specialist comes under suspicion when a murder occurs while he is moonlighting

NCIS Tony becomes obsessed with finding a woman whose brother has been murdered, while the team searches for the man's killer

Law & Order: Criminal Intent Goren and Eames hunt a killer whose fanatical beliefs may be the key to catching him

Law & Order: Criminal Intent Nichols and Wheeler investigate the murder of a famous socialite who had been dating a celebrity chef

Law & Order: Special Victims Unit A polygamist's wife is murdered

11.55 Law & Order: Special Victims Unit A socialite's body is found (To 12.55)

Beverly Hills. **1.20** The Real Housewives of Jersey. **2.20** The Only Way Is Essex. **3.10** Million Dollar Listing: NYC. **4.05** The Real Housewives of Orange County. **5.00** The Real Housewives of Potomac. **6.00** Masters of Flip. **7.00** Buying and Selling. **8.00** Dinner Date. **9.00** Ferne McCann: First Time Mum. **10.00** Love Island USA. **11.00** The Real Housewives of Orange County. **12midnight** The Only Way Is Essex. **12.45** Unwind with ITV.

MORE4 (DAYTIME)

Freeview 18 Sky 136 Virgin 147

11.05am Find It, Fix It, Flog It. **1.10pm** Heir Hunters. **2.10** Four in a Bed. **4.50** Find It, Fix It, Flog It. **5.55** Car S.O.S. **6.55** Escape to the Chateau.

NAT'L GEOGRAPHIC

Sky 129 Virgin 266

12noon World's Biggest Battleship: Drain the Oceans. **1.00** Ultimate Airport Dubai. **2.00** Air Crash Investigation. **4.00** Ice Road Rescue. **5.00** Car S.O.S. **6.00** Engineering New York Super Airport. **7.00** Air Crash Investigation. **8.00** Alaska: The Next Generation. **9.00** Primal Survivor: Mighty Mekong. **10.00** World's Most Dangerous Drug: Super Meth. **11.00** Air Crash Investigation.

PBS AMERICA

Freeview 84 Sky 174 Virgin 273

10.35am The Vietnam War. **1.00pm** In Search of Medieval Britain. **2.30** The Vietnam War. **4.50** Europe's Forgotten Border. **6.00** In Search of Medieval Britain. **7.20** Europe's Forgotten Border. **8.30** The Vietnam War. **10.50** Europe's Forgotten Border.

PICK (DAYTIME)

Freeview 36 Sky 159 Virgin 156

12noon Road Wars. **1.00** Border Patrol. **2.00** Nothing to Declare. **4.00** Stargate SG-1. **5.00** Star Trek: Enterprise. **6.00** Star Trek: Deep Space Nine.

QUEST (DAYTIME)

Freeview 12 Sky 144

11.00am Fantomworks. **12noon** Scrap Kings. **1.00** Money for Nothing. **2.00** The Repair Shop. **3.00** Find It, Fix It, Flog It. **4.00** Salvage Hunters. **5.00** Salvage Hunters: Classic Cars. **6.00** Wheeler Dealers.

REALLY

Freeview 17 Sky 142 Virgin 128

12noon Money for Nothing. **1.00** The Hotel Inspector. **2.00** Animal Cops Houston. **4.00** Dr Jeff: Rocky Mountain Vet. **5.00** Ambulance. **6.00** Money for Nothing. **7.00** Antiques Road Trip. **9.00** The Great British Sewing Bee. **10.00** The Great British Sewing Bee Final. **11.00** Ghost Adventures.

SKY ARTS

Freeview 11 Sky 130 Virgin 165

12noon Vermeer from the National Gallery, London. **1.00** Tales of the Unexpected. **2.00** The Art of Architecture. **3.00** Portrait Artist of the Year 2014. **4.00** Discovering: Charles Bronson. **5.00** Tales of the Unexpected. **6.00** Alfred Hitchcock Presents. **7.00** Discovering: Elizabeth Taylor. **8.00** Cezanne: Portraits of a Life. **9.00** I, Claude Monet. **10.00** Catherine the Great. **11.10** The South Bank Show.

SKY ATLANTIC

Sky 108

10.00am The Sopranos. **12.15pm** Ray Donovan. **2.25** Game of Thrones. **3.30** Boardwalk Empire. **5.45** The Sopranos. **7.55** Game of Thrones. **9.00** Irma Vep. **10.05** House of the Dragon. **11.10** Munich Games.

SKY COMEDY

Sky 114 Virgin 135

11.00am Curb Your Enthusiasm. **12.45pm** Sex and the City. **2.30** The Office (US). **3.00** Will & Grace. **4.00** Modern Family. **5.00** The Office (US). **5.30** Futurama. **6.30** Everybody Hates Chris. **7.30** The Office (US). **9.00** The Rehearsal. **9.35** Somebody Somewhere. **10.15** Bounty Hunters. **11.30** The Late Late Show with James Corden.

SKY DOCUMENTARIES

Sky 121 Virgin 278

12noon Quant. **1.50** FILM: The Real Charlie Chaplin. (2021) (PG) **4.00** The Directors. **5.00** Discovering: Jack Nicholson. **6.00** The 2000s. **7.00** Catch and Kill: The Podcast Tapes. **8.00** The Vietnam War. **9.00** The Last Movie Stars. **10.05** FILM: J.F.K. Revisited: Through the Looking Glass. (2021) (15)

SKY DRAMA

Sky 310 Virgin 410

10.15am BLACK SNAKE MOAN. (2006) (15) 12.20pm ANOTHER ROUND. (2020) (12) 2.20 DOUBT. (2008) (15) 4.20 STAYING ALIVE. (1983) (PG) 6.10 LAST NIGHT. (2010) (12) 8.00 COLD MOUNTAIN. (2003) (15) 10.50 THE CIDER HOUSE RULES. (1999) (12)

SKY HISTORY

Sky 123 Virgin 270

9.00am Pawn Stars. **10.00** Forged in Fire. **11.00** American Pickers. **1.00pm** Weird or What? with William Shatner. **2.00** Highway Thru Hell. **3.00** Pawn Stars. **4.00** River Hunters. **5.00** Ross Kemp: Shipwreck Treasure Hunter. **6.00** American Pickers. **7.00** Forged in Fire. **8.00** Ancient Aliens. **9.00** What on Earth? **10.00** The UnXplained with William Shatner. **11.00** Paranormal: Caught on Camera.

SKY MAX

Sky 113 Virgin 121

11.00am NCIS: New Orleans. **1.00pm** Hawaii Five-0. **2.00** MacGyver. **3.00** DC's Legends of Tomorrow. **4.00** The Flash. **5.00** Supergirl. **6.00** Stargate SG-1. **8.00** A League of Their Own. **9.00** The Blacklist. **10.00** The 74th Annual Primetime Emmy Awards.

SKY PREMIERE

Sky 301 Virgin 401

11.40am A JOURNAL FOR JORDAN. (2021) (12) 2.00pm THE 355. (2022) (12) 4.20 MONSTROUS. (2022) (15) 6.05 AMERICAN CARNAGE. (2022) (15) 8.00 LAST LOOKS. (2021) (15) 10.00 SCREAM. (2022) (18)

SKY SCI-FI

Sky 152 Virgin 139

9.00am Teleshopping. **11.00** Star Trek: Deep Space Nine. **12noon** Star Trek: Enterprise. **2.00** Futurama. **3.00** Fringe. **4.00** Star Trek: Deep Space Nine. **5.00** Stargate SG-1. **6.00** Star Trek: Enterprise. **8.00** Manifest. **9.00** A Discovery of Witches. **11.00** Day of the Dead.

SKY WITNESS

Sky 107 Virgin 112

12noon 9-1-1. **1.00** FBI. **2.00** Blue Bloods. **3.00** The Equalizer. **4.00** Paramedics Australia. **5.00** Nothing to Declare. **8.00** Blue Bloods. **9.00** Law & Order: Organized Crime. **10.00** Coroner. **11.00** 9-1-1.

SKY MAIN EVENT

Sky 401 Virgin 511

10.00am The Football Show. **12noon** Sky Sports News. **5.30** Live Women's International T20 Cricket. England v India. The second match of the series, from Derby. **7.30** Live EFL. Preston North End v Burnley (Kick-off 8pm). The Championship clash between the Lancashire rivals at Deepdale. **10.30** Soccer Special Post-Match. **11.00** Sky Sports News.

SKY PREMIER LEAGUE

Sky 402 Virgin 512

12noon Gary Neville's Soccerbox. **1.00** Premier League Years. **3.00** Greatest Games. **4.00** Best Goals. **5.00** 100 Club. **6.00** Gary Neville's Soccerbox. **7.00** Soccer Special. **10.15** PL 30. **11.00** Soccerbox.

SKY FOOTBALL

Sky 403 Virgin 513

12noon Lionesses Special: Their Story. **1.00** Bundesliga. **2.00** EFL. **4.00** Inside The WSL: Beth Mead Special. **4.30** MLS. **5.00** EFL Greatest Games. **5.30** Lionesses Special: Their Story. **6.30** MLS. **7.00** Inside The WSL: Beth Mead Special. **7.30** Live EFL. Preston North End v Burnley (Kick-off 8pm). **10.30** Lionesses Special: Their Story. **11.30** Inside The WSL: Beth Mead Special.

SKY CRICKET

Sky 404 Virgin 514

10.00am Test Cricket. **1.00pm** Women's International T20 Cricket. **5.00** My Icon: Michael Holding. **5.00** Best of England v South Africa. **5.30** Live Women's International T20 Cricket. England v India. **9.30** Test Cricket Bitesize. **10.15** Shaun Pollock: Bowling Masterclass. **10.45** Best of England v South Africa. **11.30** Talking Cricket.

SKY MIX

Sky 416 Virgin 520

9.00am Sail GP. **12noon** Test Cricket. **1.00** NFL. **2.00** WNBA. **3.45** My Icon. **4.00** NFL. **5.00** Inside The WSL. **5.30** Live Women's International T20 Cricket. **9.30** Lionesses Special: Their Story. **10.30** Inside The WSL. **11.00** Test Cricket.

SMITHSONIAN

Freeview 57 Sky 171 Virgin 276

12noon United States of Drinking. **1.00** Sacred Sites. **3.00** Yellowstone Supervolcano. **4.00** How Did They Build That? **5.00** Food Factories: How They Work. **6.00** Searching for Secrets. **7.00** Inside the Factory. **8.00** The Pacific War in Colour. **10.00** WWII Battles in Colour. **11.00** The Pacific War in Colour.

TALKING PICTURES TV

Freeview 82 Sky 328 Virgin 445

11.35am FILM: Perfect Understanding. (1933) (U) **1.15pm** FILM: Private Information. (1952) (U) **2.30** Sherlock Holmes. **3.00** FILM: The Silent Enemy. (1958) (PG) **5.10** FILM: Night Mail II. (1987) (PG) **5.40** FILM: The Frozen North. (1922) (U) **6.00** Scotland Yard. **6.35** FILM: Night Was Our Friend. (1951) (PG) **7.50** Look at Life. **8.00** Maigret. **9.05** Van der Valk. **11.15** Public Eye.

TCM

Sky 315 Virgin 415

8.25am CHEYENNE. 9.20 THE LAST HUNT. (1956) (PG) 11.30 CHEYENNE. 1.30pm THE SPY WITH MY FACE. (1966) (PG) 3.20 MYSTERY SUBMARINE. (1950) (U) 5.00 SON OF A GUNFIGHTER. (1966) (U) 6.55 CHUKA. (1967) (PG) 9.00 FIRE DOWN BELOW. (1997) (18) 11.10 SWORDFISH. (2001) (15) 1.15am DEEP BLUE SEA. (1999) (15)

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11.00am Inside the Ambulance: Coast and Country. **2.00pm** Tipping Point. **4.00** My Dream Home. **5.00** Property Brothers: Forever Homes. **7.00** MasterChef Australia. **8.00** DIY SOS: The Big Build. **9.20** Dating With My Mates. **10.20** Should I Go Under the Knife? **11.20** Stacey Dooley Sleeps Over.

YESTERDAY

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12noon The Architecture the Railways Built. **1.00** Bangers and Cash. **2.00** Abandoned Engineering. **4.00** War Factories. **5.00** The World at War. **6.00** The Architecture the Railways Built. **7.00** Abandoned Engineering. **8.00** Train Truckers. **9.00** Bangers and Cash. **11.00** Abandoned Engineering.



■ 'SHE looked as fresh as a figurehead/That's just been painted new.' Limehouse Reach tells of a sailor who fell in love with a Limehouse girl; it doesn't end happily. The bass Brindley Sherratt includes the old ditty among a selection of songs from the British Isles in the **RADIO 3 LUNCHTIME CONCERT (1PM)**. Gerald Finzi's setting of Shakespeare's poem Fear No More The Heat Of The Sun, which can be a great comfort to those who mourn, is also on the bill.

RADIO 2 FM: 88-90.2MHZ

6.30 Zoe Ball. **9.30** Ken Bruce. **12.00** Jeremy Vine. **2.00** Steve Wright. **5.00** Sara Cox. **6.30** Sara Cox's Half Wower. **7.00** Jo Whiley. **9.00** Remembering Our Queen. **10.00** Trevor Nelson's Magnificent 7. **10.30** Trevor Nelson's Rhythm Nation. **12.00** OJ Borg.

RADIO 3 FM: 90.2-92.4MHZ

6.30 Breakfast. **9.00** Essential Classics. **12.00** Composer of the Week: Bruckner. **1.00** PICK Radio 3 Lunchtime Concert. **2.00** Afternoon Concert. **5.00** In Tune. **7.00** In Tune Mixtape. **7.30** Radio 3 in Concert. Orff's Carmina Burana. **10.00** Free Thinking. **10.45** The Essay: Sign Language Is My Language. **11.00** Night Tracks. **12.30** Through the Night.

RADIO 5 LIVE MW: 693/909KHZ

5.00 Wake Up to Money. **6.00** Breakfast. **9.00** Nicky Campbell. **11.00** Adrian Chiles. **1.00** Nihal Arthanayake. **4.00** 5 Live Drive. **5.30** 5 Live Sport. **5.45** Champions League Football. Sporting Lisbon v Spurs. **8.00** Liverpool v Ajaz. **10.30** Colin Murray. **1.00** Dotun Adebayo.

8.40 In Touch. News for people who are blind.
9.00 Can the Police Keep Us Safe? Helena Kennedy QC and Rob Beckley explore the police's role in public safety.
9.30 The Life Scientific. Geo-archaeologist Dr Judith Bunbury reflects on the Sahara Desert.
9.59 Weather.
10.00 The World Tonight.
10.45 Book at Bedtime: The Maid. By Nita Prose.
11.00 Fortunately. Fi Glover and Jane Garvey are joined by Justin Webb.
11.30 The Digital Human.
12.00 News and Weather. 12.30 Book of the Week: A Visible Man. 12.48 Shipping Forecast. 1.00 As BBC World Service.

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WITH Mercury retrograde on International Programmers' Day, 'bugs' could slip through the testing stage today. But as Venus links with Pluto and Mars, we can appreciate and learn from unusual occurrences. By carefully assessing any surprises, valuable info can be gleaned. But humans can't fix everything by pushing buttons. The more heart we put into understanding details, the better the discoveries will be.

ARIES Mar 21 - Apr 20

IT'S easy to assume that happiness comes when things go well. We treat improvements and advantages like tokens in a savings scheme. If we collect enough, we'll secure a future filled with contentment. And if we don't feel as though we have enough 'assets', we don't give ourselves an opportunity to be content. Yet the ability to feel joy doesn't depend on our situations. We can find reasons to be full of it, even when the going gets tough. All you need to be happy today is the desire to feel good. *Make the most of your opportunities. Your latest, in-depth four-minute forecast contains inspiring news. Call 0906 751 5601.*

TAURUS Apr 21 - May 21

IN FILMS about the Armed Forces, you know sometimes the sergeants get up close to the new recruits and shout in their faces. Nowhere else in our society would such rude behaviour be acceptable. We find much more subtle ways to put people under pressure. And we're particularly skilled at finding ways to pile it on to ourselves. Stress is the by-product of wanting things to go one way, when they don't. You've done your best. It's good enough. It's time for some self-understanding. Take the pressure off. *Live life to the full. There is helpful advice and pleasing news in your latest four-minute forecast. Call 0906 751 5602.*

GEMINI May 22 - June 22

THE past is a bit like quicksand. The longer we linger, the further we sink in. With your ruler Mercury retrograde, it's time to let go of an issue that's been troubling you. Just because things have worked out in a specific way doesn't mean you have to keep repeating this pattern. The past informs the future. It doesn't set it in stone. The bolder, more honest, realistic and forward-looking your plans, the higher the chance of making gradual, eventually impressive, progress. *Do you need support? What's the best way to move forward and ensure success? Call your weekly forecast: 0906 751 5603.*

CANCER June 23 - July 23

THERE are important questions that deserve your consideration. What do you want to accomplish? What do you hope to achieve? What, in your life, brings you happiness? And what are you putting up with because you can't see any other options? Compromises aren't always easy to make. Yet, if you honestly assess the situation you find yourself dealing with, you'll be able to reach one that allows you to make excellent progress. You don't need to stick with an unfair arrangement. The power to change it is in your hands. *Need to change something in your world? Your latest four-minute forecast tells you how. Call 0906 751 5604.*

LEO July 24 - Aug 23

THE U.S. might be the home of the 'extra-large' pizza, but it's also where the phrase 'less is more' originates. How the two can coexist is anyone's guess. But the saying is astute. The tiniest tweak, at the right time, can be the difference between success and failure. A well-judged joke, just when an argument seems inevitable. A simple act of kindness, which no one expects. The key today is to balance your natural generosity to others with your own needs. Don't go too far. But go far enough. *Make the most of your opportunities. Your latest, in-depth four-minute forecast contains inspiring news. Call 0906 751 5605.*

VIRGO Aug 24 - Sep 23

IMAGINE the scene: the room is atmospherically lit. The sense of expectation is palpable. On stage, in the corner, your favourite musician is about to perform. Their opening song will be dedicated to you. You can't believe your luck. As the supporting singers take their places, you realise you're sitting in a draught, or are suddenly very thirsty. Why allow your discomfort to spoil this wonderful occasion? No! Don't let silly distractions prevent you experiencing the lovely moments coming your way. *Live life to the full. There is helpful advice and pleasing news in your latest four-minute forecast. Call 0906 751 5606.*

LIBRA Sep 24 - Oct 23

WE TELL stories. Unconsciously, we create narratives that support and explain our views and choices. Though we might underestimate their complexity, they exist. We weave selected instances from our past into our current situations to authenticate our views. As we move into the future, these narratives punctuate our landscape like signposts and influence our journeys. Could you be reading too much into a situation? Retrograde Mercury lets you open your mind to a new view. *Do you need support? What's the best way to move forward and ensure success? Call your weekly forecast: 0906 751 5607.*

SCORPIO Oct 24 - Nov 22

NOT long ago societies experienced 'depressions'. Now, we talk about recessions and downturns. Although all mean the same thing, the words we choose to describe situations make a difference to how we feel about them. By verbally downplaying the reality, we can almost manage to convince ourselves it's not happening. If you've been trying to avoid the existence of a tricky scenario; now it's time to name it. When you call it out, for what it is, it will lose its power and you'll know what to do to deal with it. *Need to change something in your world? Your latest four-minute forecast tells you how. Call 0906 751 5608.*

SAGITTARIUS Nov 23 - Dec 21

THE fact that no one's indispensable should be a cause to celebrate (rather than a reason to feel insecure). It means the world doesn't need to rest entirely on your shoulders, so despite current responsibilities, you don't have to handle everything and everyone. The idea that someone can cope without you might be scary, so might the thought that no one will ever be able to manage without your help. But don't fear either of these. There's a middle way — and you're finding it. *Maximise your opportunities. Your latest, in-depth four-minute forecast contains inspiring news. Call 0906 751 5609.*

CAPRICORN Dec 22 - Jan 20

ARE you a 'do-it-by-the-book' kind of person, or a corner-cutter? What a silly question. You take your responsibilities seriously and do things properly. Does that make you feel foolish and easily taken advantage of? It shouldn't. By respecting the process and striving to maintain exemplary standards, you make the world a better place. Whatever seductive shortcuts might appear today, the people around you will be best helped if you shine like a beacon and do everything the 'right' way. *Live life to the full. There is helpful advice and pleasing news in your latest four-minute forecast. Call 0906 751 5610.*

AQUARIUS Jan 21 - Feb 19

IT'S quite a process to reorganise a room. Items of furniture take energy and strength to shift. When the sofa's moved, there's dust to clear… and don't forget all the bits and bobs that have collected underneath that need sorting. That sofa will have to be pushed into the 'wrong' place until other items have been shuffled round. Yet you might not like the new arrangement, and things will have to go back to how they were. It's time to experiment. It will involve effort. But it's worth it. *Do you need support? What's the best way to move forward and succeed? Call your weekly forecast: 0906 751 5611.*

PISCES Feb 20 - Mar 20

ASTROLOGERS are often discussed in the same breath as mediums and clairvoyants. These people sometimes refer to themselves as 'light workers', a term that's always made me a bit uncomfortable. Must there, then, also be 'dark workers'? I'm glad to say I've never met one! But the danger of thinking that you're working 'in the light' can lead to self-deception and over-confidence. The doubts you're experiencing, with Mercury retrograde, have a purpose. Your humility opens your heart to wonderful new possibilities. *Need to change something in your world? Your latest four-minute forecast tells you how. Call 0906 751 5612.*

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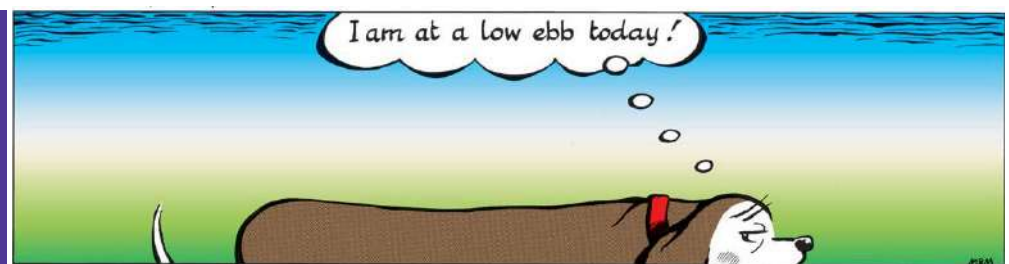
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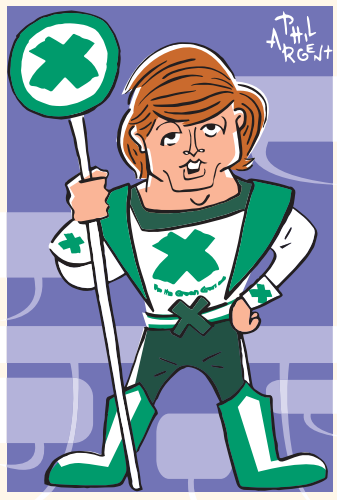
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Repeat after me, the Green Cross Code...

A HEADTEACHER I once worked with was very keen on reminding her charges of the importance of road safety.
At assembly on the last day of every term, she would always go through the Green Cross Code, emphasising care on the roads as the school was in a very busy area.
She always ended her little homily with the words: 'Now let us say the Green Cross Code together.' Whereupon 80 or so infant school children would chant as one 'The Green Cross Code together' much to the (hidden) amusement of the staff.

Gwen Whittle, Liverpool.



Out Of The Mouths Of Babes

OUR granddaughter, Nancy, three, had her first sleepover with us. As I'd expected, she was up very early. I took her downstairs so she wouldn't disturb her sister, Darcy. After a while, I told her I was taking Grandpa a cup of tea in bed. Her response: 'Why? Is it Mother's Day?'

Diane Woodhouse, Sale, Cheshire.

Picture that!



BERRY JOLLY: *I think my strawberry may have been on its holiday to Skegness!* **Keith Deverill, Crowthorne, Berks.**

Wordy Unwise

AFTER months of blackouts and fainting, I was diagnosed with epilepsy. I returned to work that day dreading what the future might hold when a colleague told me he was sorry to hear I had leprosy.
It put a much-needed smile on my face.

John Thomas, Swansea.

This England

A LOCAL restaurant has discovered a new vegetable. The special on the menu was: 'Soup of the day, £5.95. Brockley and Stilton.'

Ian MacDonald, Billericay, Essex.

Anagram

Head coach Scott Parker
=
A chap to record the sack?

Mike Mesterton-Gibbons, York.

One-line Philosophers

■ MY HUSBAND says he's only an occasional drinker, but he's compiled a long list of these occasions.

Mrs Valerie Ashton, London N14.

■ GOLD prospecting has gone down the pan.

Warren Brown, Falmouth, Cornwall.

Sign language



BLIND SPOT: *Seen on the A6 near Whaley Bridge by* **David McDonald of Buxton, Derbys.**

Today's poem

May God receive our monarch's soul
To rest in peace and rise in glory
With Philip, reunited now
Together with her faithful corgis.
A nation mourns, its saddest day
The passing of our much-loved Queen
We thought she would go on and on
The greatest monarch that we've seen.

She touched so very many lives
Right here and all around the world,
On every town hall roof you'll see
The half-mast flags flying unfurled.
We shall not know her kind again
She always went the extra mile
It's hard to take in, such a shock
We'll miss her warmth, her gentle smile.

So while we mourn our massive loss
We celebrate a life well-lived
A shining beacon through the gloom
She gave us all that she could give.
A cherished wife and mother and
A grand and great-grandmother, too
A life of duty, borne with faith
Elizabeth, the great, the true.

God save our King.

Lindsay Hartgroves, Launceston, Cornwall.

Nursery Rhyme For Our Time

Liz Truss, Liz Truss, oh where have you been?
I've been to the Commons, Parliament to convene.
Liz Truss, Liz Truss, why were you there?
I'd seen off Boris and gave Rishi a scare
What will you do now you've won your election?
Ah, now there's the three hundred billion pound question!
Political promises come often to naught,
Let's hope we can count on this Truss for support.

Paul Divine, Westcliff-on-Sea, Essex.

Joke

THERE'S a new shampoo especially for bald men. It's called Shoulders.

Ian Jopson, Cardiff.

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Churlish Corbyn

WHAT a hypocrite Jeremy Corbyn has shown himself to be.
Like all of us, he is free to express his views in whatever way he chooses — but why accept membership of the Privy Council, then not take up the invitation to attend its most important meeting in 70 years?
One of the major functions of the council is to issue proclamations, the most paramount of which must be the proclamation of a new monarch.
Corbyn ducked out, so he should ask for his name to be removed from the list of Privy Counsellors, as he is entitled to do.

ROGER I. SHENTON, York.

I'D LIKE to compliment Penny Mordaunt, who, as Leader of the House of Commons, led the Accession Council ceremony at St James's Palace.
She was excellent conducting the proceedings, even though she can have had only a very short time to prepare for such a complicated and historic event.

WENDY CHRICHLEY, London N21.

Faith is the key

THE traditional ceremony at St James's Palace announcing Charles as King underlined the key central understanding of God, faith and the importance of Lords spiritual in the constitution of this country.
Those who seek to undermine this with liberal and secular ideas, including many in Parliament, should take note.

J. LONGSTAFF, Buxted, E. Sussex.

A time to grieve

I FEEL so sorry for King Charles that he has not had a minute to grieve for his poor mother. Since her death, he seems to have been pulled from pillar to post undertaking his new duties.
It was so good of him to spend time with the crowds outside the royal palaces, but why couldn't he have been left alone to grieve with his family until after the funeral?

TONY NELDER, Wickford, Essex.

Progressive King

I WISH King Charles III the best. His progressive and critically firm stance on climate change, access to healthcare and mental health resources, and on continuing to right the wrongs of his ancestors, will have an impact globally.
The future of the monarchy is in good hands. His mother would be proud. I will always remember the Queen for what she accomplished, the example she set and the path she paved into the future.
Her work ethic, loyalty, grit and grace have earned her the epithet Elizabeth the Great.

SARAH CULVER, Delaware, U.S.

PM's kindly gesture

I WAS moved by the photo of Prime Minister Liz Truss gently holding King Charles's arm.
The Royal Family are not as remote as they once were. This gesture shows the country is behind the King at this difficult time when he has to deal with protocol so soon after the death of his mother.
It was surely a mark of kindness, compassion and support.

FRAN CAMBETTIE-DAVIES, Carshalton, Gtr London.

WHY complain about a so-called breach of protocol? Liz Truss was being supportive and showing how we all felt.

JANE RIDGEWAY, Maidenhead, Berks.

Deftness of touch

THOUSANDS of people visited Windsor to pay their respects, show their appreciation and offer sincere thanks for the Queen's 70 years of unswerving service to the country and the wider world.
Prince William showed the deftness of touch and wisdom he will need when he becomes King by inviting Harry and Meghan to join him and Kate on a royal walkabout, meeting people who shared their love and loss.
Like the prodigal son, Harry and Meghan were welcomed on their return to this country, as they always have been. Now does Meghan understand the difference between royalty and celebrity?

JAMES WIGNALL, Accrington, Lancs.

Humble servants

APART from the priceless values of service and duty, the Queen possessed another virtue: humility.
Sadly, many seem to associate royalty with celebrity when nothing could be farther from the truth.
I am sure His Majesty and the Queen Consort are the embodiment of principled service.

PATRICIA DUNWORTH, St Peter Port, Guernsey.

SO-CALLED celebrities should take note of how the Queen always acted with such grace, dignity and integrity. But I doubt they will.

BRIAN CAMPBELL, Haverfordwest, Pembs.

Spot on, Sarah

THANK you, Sarah Vine, for your excellent front-page article marking

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DEBATE

Has the TV coverage of

NO ONE does it as well as the BBC at times in history that mean so much to this country and the world. Huw Edwards and Nicholas Witchell did an amazing job when the Queen's death was announced. They were so professional in their approach and, as well as telling us the news, they conveyed the atmosphere of such a sad day.

S. FOOKS, Sherborne, Dorset.

THE BBC was criticised over Nicholas Witchell's comments regarding the Queen's health. He is pompous and thinks he has the right to share his personal views with the country. Let's be respectful to the Royal Family and not have any more speculation from a royal correspondent with an inflated ego.

BRIGITTE DAWSON, Ipswich, Suffolk.

WELL done, Sophie Raworth. Your coverage has been nothing short of brilliant.

K. GUNTON, Colchester, Essex.

HOW inappropriate of the BBC and ITV to run programmes depicting the Queen's life in the hours before the announcement.

J. WAINSCOTT, Padiham, Lancs.

Snapshot of three Queens in grief

TRIBUTES to the Queen included the remarkable photograph Three Queens In Mourning depicting the Queen, Queen Mary and the Queen Mother in sombre, veiled attire. It was not taken at King's Cross railway station, where the King's coffin arrived into London on February 11, 1952, four days before his state funeral, but later that day in the yard of the Palace of Westminster where the three Queens were awaiting the coffin for the lying in state.
Due to poor health, Queen Mary was not present at King's Cross nor did she attend the funeral, except for watching the procession from her Marlborough House window.
It's said that photographer Ron Case sent the image plates to Fleet Street expecting little to come of them. After his bus journey back to the office, he was called into a meeting by his boss. Fearing he would be fired, he was instead told his picture was a triumph. The following day, the photograph appeared on the front page of every national newspaper.

DAVID M. OUTTERSIDE, Yarm, N. Yorks.

THOUSANDS are expected to queue for hours to show their respects when the Queen's coffin lies in state for four days at Westminster Hall. Before Winston Churchill's funeral in 1965, I drove from Lancashire, stood in line for hours and got into the hall at 3am.

A. M. GRIFFITHS, Wymondham, Norfolk.



Picture: HULTON GETTY

Iconic: Queen Mary flanked by the Queen and the Queen Mother in 1952

FEBRUARY 1952 at RAF Cranwell we were square-bashing in the freezing cold when the station warrant officer called us to halt. He said: 'The King is dead, carry on.'

JOHN THOMPSON, Roberttown, W. Yorks.

WHEN I die, I don't expect to have crowds of people laughing and joking and taking selfies outside my house. So why do some people think this is appropriate behaviour following the passing of the Queen? This period of mourning is for the Royal Family. It is not all about you.

IAN RILEY, Normanton, W. Yorks.

MY HUSBAND and I, aged 93 and 92 respectively, have lived during the reign of five monarchs. Though we were small children, we remember the death of George V in 1935 and the short reign of his eldest son Edward VIII.
After the abdication, his younger brother unexpectedly had to take over and become George VI.
In January 1952, as a 21-year-old wanting to spread my wings, I went to South Africa for two years. George VI died a month later and his daughter Elizabeth became Queen.
I can hardly believe that 70 years later, having celebrated her Platinum Jubilee, we have witnessed the proclamation of her son, Charles III. Long may he reign. I doubt we shall make our sixth monarch!

ANGELA HUMPHERY, London NW3.

the passing of the Queen. It was beautifully written, extremely touching and I am sure that its sentiments resonated with many people across the country.
Though it made me cry, it was exactly what I felt about our wonderful Queen, too.

VERONICA MAHONY, Sturton le Steeple, Notts.

THE Mail's souvenir edition covering our beloved Queen's death reduced me to tears. I shall always treasure it.
The moving words on the back page certainly made a big impression on me: 'We shall not see her like again.'

JOY JACKSON, Nottingham.

I PICKED up the Mail's picture celebration of the Queen's life intending to leaf through it quickly.
When I put it down, I had tears in my eyes even though I am not a snowflake, but a hard-bitten old man who has seen too much.

PHIL TROTMAN, Wick, Caithness.

Steadfast duty

MOTHER and I were outside Buckingham Palace on Coronation night in the rain, cheering, when to my excitement, the Queen, Prince Philip and the children came onto the balcony.
So I could see over the crowd, Mother had bought me a cardboard periscope, which I still have.
Through all the good and stormy times that have passed since then, the Queen was always a warm, stabilising example to us all. Steadfast duty and now a rest well deserved. Thank you, Ma'am.

MIKE MAIN, South Hykeham, Lincs.

AS A seven-year-old in 1953, I was one of the schoolchildren who were given a copy of the children's gift edition of Richard Dimbleby's book Elizabeth Our Queen by the local council.
I hope today's youngsters will be given something similar to mark the accession of King Charles III.

GEOFF TURNER, Harrogate, N. Yorks.

A bit of bovver

MUCH has been said about the Queen's sense of humour with references to the James Bond sketch at the London Olympics and afternoon tea with Paddington Bear for the Platinum Jubilee.
The occasion I found hilarious and cringeworthy was when Catherine Tate did her 'Am I bovvered' routine at the Royal Variety Performance. Her Majesty had the good grace to laugh and go along with the joke.

NIGEL BARKER, Birmingham.

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Elizabeth II's passing struck the right note?

I AM a staunch royalist, but even I found the BBC's blanket coverage overpowering. They learned nothing from the criticism following their reporting of Prince Philip's death. Yes, it was of great importance in this country, but why did the 10 o'clock news ignore everything else that is happening in the world? No sense of proportion is one of the BBC's biggest failings.

ROBIN CROSS, Maidstone, Kent.

HUW EDWARDS puts his colleagues in the shade with their 'umming' and 'ahhing' to fill airtime.

J. A. PARRIS, Louth, Lincs.

I'VE always held the Queen in great respect and was upset to hear of her passing, but I'm afraid I had to switch off the news coverage. Why was it necessary for the BBC to run the same report all day? Surely it would have been better to stick to the usual news slots, giving half the time to the Queen and the rest to other news. Instead of blanket coverage on the day she died, I would have appreciated daily hour-long tributes all this week. King Charles's broadcast about the Queen was beautiful, but it lost its impact after I had seen it six times in two hours.

ELIZABETH HART, Nottingham.

BBC reporting was filled with platitudes with more than occasional republican sentiments. The only shining light was Clive Myrie, whose commentary was conducted with such grace and honesty. His heartfelt, broken sighs and his memory of his proud mother meeting the Queen in Jamaica were impressive. At the Proclamation at St James's Palace, his 'wows' and his admission that he had taken a photo of King Charles on his phone are what reporting is about.

BARBARA KNIGHT, Epping, Essex.

THOUGH the TV coverage has been by and large good, I wish correspondents would take a lesson from the best of them all, Richard Dimbleby. He knew there was a time for words and a time to be quiet and let the picture tell the story. Today's reporters feel they have to fill every second with the sound of their own voices.

DONALD GROGAN, Walsall, W. Mids.

Straight to the POINT

■ **THE fourth plinth in Trafalgar Square should have a statue of the Queen on her mount Burmese Trooping the Colour.**

KATIE LYNCH SMITH, Nottingham.

■ **WE WERE proud Elizabethans; are we now proper Charlies?**

MAUREEN COVEY, Farnham, Surrey.

■ **WHAT a mistake to cancel sport at the weekend. Imagine all the fans in stadiums across the country who could have paid homage to Her Majesty.**

DAVID ALLEN, Runcorn, Merseyside.

■ **NOW is the right time for sports stars to take the knee.**

IAN TUCKER, Hartlepool, Co. Durham.

■ **WHEN the Queen was born, biplanes were taking to the skies. At the end of her long life, we are preparing to put astronauts back on the Moon and ultimately go to Mars.**

GARY FREESTONE, Leicester.

■ **THE dictionary definition of duty should be: Elizabeth II.**

IAN DUCKWORTH, Rochdale, Gtr Manchester.

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TONY SLINN, Knockholt, Kent.

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ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS
Compiled by Charles Legge

All fired up on the sun

QUESTION What causes sunspot cycles?

THE sunspot cycle, also known as the solar magnetic activity cycle, Schwabe or solar cycle, is an 11-year change in the sun's activity driven by the flipping of the magnetic field.

During the cycle, the sun's magnetic field becomes increasingly erratic, its activity reaches a maximum and it reverses. The sun settles back down before it begins again. The current cycle began in December 2019.

The cycle was identified in 1843 when German astronomer Samuel Heinrich Schwabe recorded the periodic variation in the average number of sunspots after 17 years of solar observation.

The sun's core consists of dense, ionised (electrically charged) gas. This roiling, boiling plasma generates a powerful magnetic field.

Like the Earth's magnetic field, the sun has north and south poles. Its magnetic field is much more powerful but also messier and more changeable. Our magnetic field flips only every 200,000 to 300,000 years.

As it approaches solar maximum, just before the flip, its magnetic fields become increasingly complex and the fields loop around and cross each other, cutting each other off and reconnecting.

This can cause a variety of changes on the photosphere, the sun's outer shell from which light is radiated.

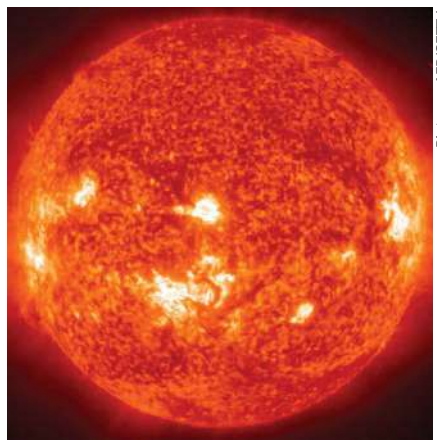
There are an increased number of sunspots, dark areas of particularly strong magnetic forces.

Sunspots are regions of reduced surface temperature caused by concentrations of magnetic flux that inhibit convection.

They are indicators of overall increased solar irradiance — during solar maximum, this output grows by about 0.07 per cent.

Large numbers of sunspots suggest the onset of further mass ejection phenomena such as solar flares and coronal mass ejections. These phenomena involve gigantic explosions of energy.

A solar flare is a tremendous explosion on the sun that happens when energy stored in twisted magnetic fields above the sunspots is expelled into space.



Picture: AFP/GETTY

High energy: Sunspots and solar flares

Coronal mass ejection is when a large cloud of energetic and highly magnetised plasma spews from the solar corona into space.

Astronomers use the analogy of firing a cannon to distinguish the two events. The solar flare is a diffuse release of energy like the muzzle flash; the coronal mass ejection is the cannonball, propelled forward in a targeted direction, which can cause significant radio and magnetic disturbances on Earth.

Max Farrier, Lowestoft, Suffolk.

QUESTION Why do we say 'many happy returns' on a birthday?

THIS phrase means to wish someone a long life — that your birthday will return many more times — and dates back to Roman times.

The Latin phrase appears in Joseph Addison's 1752 political discourse The Freeholder: 'The usual salutation to a man upon his birthday among the Ancient Romans was *Multos et Foelices*; in which they wished him many happy returns of it.'

The English rendition is first recorded in 1789 in a letter from Lady Newdigate to her husband Sir Roger Newdigate, 5th Baronet: 'Many happy returns of ye day to us, my Dr Love.'

Jancis Hill, Stratford-upon-Avon, Warks.

QUESTION If you sent a letter in 19th-century London, could you expect a reply within two hours?

MYTHS abound about the historical speed of the post. While it once was theoretically possible for a letter to have been delivered within two hours of posting, it required a particular set of circumstances.

The only way to guarantee sending a message and receiving a reply within two hours would be with a telegram, which meant a visit to a main Post Office.

It would be delivered to the recipient's front door and they could dispatch a reply via the delivery boy.

Before World War I, there were several postal collections each day from London pillar boxes.

As well as morning and late afternoon, there were collections in the late morning and early afternoon. Most towns had a late collection from the central Post Office and sorting office.

It was possible to post a letter on a mail train at one of London's mainline stations. This was common at Euston on Friday evenings when people would post their pools coupons to Littlewoods in Liverpool.

Postal deliveries in the capital were made in the early morning, mid-morning and early afternoon.

So, it is feasible that a letter could be posted first thing in the morning, be collected, sorted and be back out of the sorting office in time for the mid-morning delivery — provided it was being delivered within the same town or city postal district.

Mail was transported on the railways, not by road, with almost every train carrying bags of mail in the guard's van.

So it was feasible for an employee working in Central London to post a letter home when they arrived for work and for it to be delivered in the suburbs later that day.

However, mail travelling between more distant towns and cities wasn't usually delivered until the next day.

Rural areas have always had less frequent collections and deliveries because of the large areas covered.

World War I changed postal services. With so many postal workers serving in the Armed Forces and women being needed to work in more important industries, the number of collections and deliveries were reduced. They weren't reinstated when the war ended.

There were further erosions to mail services during World War II.

Bob Cubitt, Northampton.

QUESTIONS

Q: Why are humans so variable in appearance compared to other animals?
Diane Cooper, Welshpool, Powys.

Q: When ending an argument as young lads, we used to say 'fainites'. Does anyone else remember this?
Victor Cooper, Cheshunt, Herts.

Q: Why do so many young female American voices sound so croaky?
A. L. Oakes-Phillips, Melksham, Wilts.

■ IS THERE a question to which you want to know the answer? Or do you know the answer to a question here? Write to: Charles Legge, Answers To Correspondents, Daily Mail, 2 Derry Street, London W8 5TT; or email charles.legge@dailymail.co.uk. A selection is published, but we're unable to enter into individual correspondence.

TODAY'S RECIPE: Strawberry labneh

LABNEH is strained yoghurt. Serves: 4.



Ingredients

- 400g full-fat Greek yoghurt
- 400g strawberries
- 1½ tsp caster sugar
- 2 tsp rose water
- 3 tbsp honey
- To serve: Chopped pistachios

Method

1 Mix yoghurt with a pinch of salt. Line a sieve with muslin and sit over a deep bowl. Spoon in yoghurt and leave in the fridge to strain for four hours.

2 Hull and quarter strawberries, mix with sugar and rose water and leave to macerate.

3 Gently fold honey through the labneh. Puree a quarter of the strawberries in a blender and fold into labneh, so it's rippled. Serve in glass bowls with rest of the strawberries and scattered with pistachios.

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Woodford savers set for £300m redress

by ***Lucy White***

SAVERS who lost more than £1bn when Neil Woodford's flagship investment fund collapsed are a step closer to getting £300m of redress.

Thousands of customers were left out of pocket when Link Group – the firm responsible for supervising fund manager Woodford's management of his funds – decided to suspend the £3.7bn Equity Income Fund in 2019 and eventually close it down.



Now the Financial Conduct Authority (FCA) has confirmed that Link could be on the hook for up to £306m in redress for customers.

The watchdog said last night it has investigated the circumstances leading to the collapse of the fund 'and is likely to seek to require Link to pay a financial penalty and/or consumer redress'.

Meanwhile, Dye & Durham (D&D), a Canadian software company, is planning to buy Link for £2.1bn. D&D said it had received a warning from the FCA, stating that the City regulator would not approve the takeover unless D&D promised to cover any 'restitution and/or redress payments' which Link was ordered to pay. The FCA said Link's bill had been set at £306m as this 'reflects the FCA's current view of Link's failings in managing the liquidity of the Woodford Equity Income Fund'.

This is the first time that the City watchdog has confirmed it will penalise Link over its handling of the affair.

The regulator said it was still open to ordering 'other parties' as well as Link to pay redress to customers.

Sixty-two-year-old Woodford (*pictured*) himself was also understood to be a target of the FCA's investigation.

The FCA began a probe into the scandal shortly after the Equity Income Fund was shut in June 2019 – but Woodford savers are yet to hear the outcome.

D&D said it was assessing the FCA's conditions – and that if it decided it could not accept them, the deal would be called off.

The Woodford Equity Income Fund was frozen by Link after a flood of investors tried to pull their money out after a run of poor performance from Woodford. He invested a chunk of their cash into risky early-stage and unlisted stocks, and was unable to sell them fast enough to return the money.

When Link realised the extent of the problem, it decided to close the fund down entirely, selling off the stocks and returning the money to investors. But several of the sales were completed at a knock-down price, and savers have lost around £1bn since the fund was shuttered in June 2019.

Law firms Leigh Day and Harcus Parker are also bringing a separate claim against Link on behalf of more than 2,500 investors, who claim Link failed to properly keep an eye on how Woodford was using their money.

Link is denying any breach of City rules, and plans to defend itself in the claim.

Sterling bounces back as economy recovers

by ***Lucy White***

THE pound has rallied back above $1.17 amid hopes that Britain may dodge a recession.

Sterling climbed by around 1pc against the dollar after hitting a 37-year low of $1.14 last week.

The euro was also up against the greenback as the US currency eased following strong gains this year.

The rally in sterling came as figures from the Office for National Statistics showed the economy grew by 0.2pc in July following a 0.6pc slump in June.

Output was boosted by the Women's Euro 2022 football tournament, which England hosted and won. The figures raised hopes that recession can be avoided – or at least shortened.

Daniel Mahoney, UK economist at lender Handelsbanken, said July's return to growth combined with Prime Minister Liz Truss's energy bill cap meant it was now 'very plausible that the UK will avoid a recession in the next 18 months'.

Meanwhile, Germany faces recession as a dramatic rise in energy costs extinguishes the chances of recovery from pandemic lockdowns, according to the country's leading economic think tank. The Ifo institute said it now expects the German economy to contract by 0.3pc in 2023 having previously forecast 3.7pc growth. It also bumped up its forecast for 2023 inflation by 6 percentage points to 9.3pc.

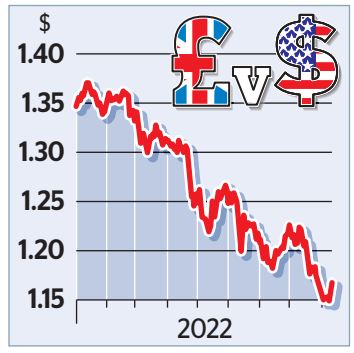
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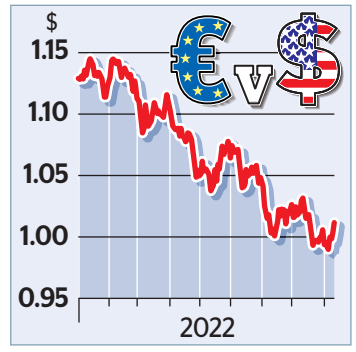
'The cuts in gas supplies from Russia over the summer and the drastic price increases they triggered are wreaking havoc on the economic recovery following the coronavirus,' said Timo Wollmershaeuser, head of Ifo's economic forecasts.

The first quarter of 2023 will be particularly rough for consumers as energy suppliers adjust prices in response to high procurement costs, driving inflation to around 11pc, said the institute.

The German economy grew slightly in the second quarter, propped up by household and government spending

The UK isn't completely out of the woods. July's growth in output of 0.2pc fell short of experts' predictions of 0.3pc as activity in the manufacturing and construction sectors continued to slow.





The return to growth fuelled some economists' hopes that the UK will now dodge a recession, but others feared the lacklustre figures meant the country was already embedded in a downturn. Elizabeth Martins, senior economist at HSBC, said the economy had 'largely stagnated since the start of the year, and there is a risk that it is already in recession'.

Defined as two consecutive quarters of contracting output, a recession would be recorded if the economy shrank again between July and September, following the 0.1pc decline between April and June. Experts said the disappointing figures for July underlined the need for a plan for growth – one of the key proposals put forward by Truss. She began last week by capping annual energy bills at £2,500 for the typical household.

Alice Hain, personal finance analyst at investment platform Bestinvest, said: 'With the two-year freeze in energy bills saving households £1,000 a year, the UK is expected to suffer a much milder recession than previously forecast.'

But Modupe Adegbembo, economist at AXA Investment Managers, said: 'Whilst the [energy bill] package is set to reduce headline inflation, the boost to growth it will provide leaves the Bank of England with more to do to ensure inflation returns to target.'



International interest: Fat Face is planning to open stores in Canada

Fat Face ramps up overseas expansion

FAT Face plans to open its first shops in Canada after its products proved to be a hit with shoppers.

The fashion chain's chief executive Will Crumbie told the Mail he has already seen 'significant' demand from Canadian customers travelling south of the border to shop at its New England stores.

He will open the first Canadian store in Ontario in April followed by five more in the next year.

Fat Face began opening shops in the US six years ago and it now has 24. The region accounts for £1 in every £10 spent at the retailer.

'US customers really like the brand,' said Crumbie, who said he expects the US economy to be 'fairly robust' over the next two to three years despite a global squeeze on spending from rising energy bills and inflation.

He said he would also consider opening shops in France, Germany, Spain and Italy in the future.

Group sales have rebounded after pandemic restrictions were lifted and it expects annual turnover to be in the region of £236m.

But Crumbie warned that 'urgent support' is needed from the Government to help retailers handle the rising price of energy, business rates and an increase in the cost of paying staff wages.

Soames stands down after 8 years at Serco

by ***John-Paul Ford Rojas***

RUPERT Soames is stepping down as chief executive of Serco – after earning more than £30m during his eight years at the helm.

The 63-year-old, who is Sir Winston Churchill's grandson, is credited with turning around the fortunes of the outsourcing giant, which was mired in scandal when he took over in 2014.

But Serco has also attracted criticism more recently over the profits it has earned from running Test and Trace centres during the pandemic.

Soames said it was a 'privilege' to lead Serco and quipped: 'It is now time for me to outsource myself.'

Shares fell 6.8pc, or 12.2p, to 168p after the announcement.

Soames will step down at the end of this year but will stay on as an adviser before retiring from the company in September 2023.

Serco employs 25,000 in the UK and 55,000 globally, operating in the US and Canada, Australia, New Zealand, Hong Kong and the Middle East as well as in mainland Europe. In Britain its work includes transporting prisoners and running six prisons, as well as operating immigration detention centres and London's cycle-hire scheme.



Antarctic research: Australia's RSV Nuyina, which is operated by Serco. Right: Rupert Soames

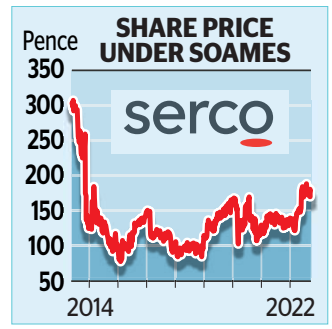
A scandal over a prisoner tagging contract in 2013 – before Soames joined – saw Serco repay £68.5m to taxpayers. It billed the Government for tagging those who were either dead, in jail or had left the country. Serco later also paid a further £23m in fines and costs following a Serious Fraud Office probe into the episode.

More recently its profits have been boosted by being paid more than £600m for its work on the much-criticised Test and Trace programmes. That earned a rebuke from Labour leader Sir Keir Starmer who said last year that it was 'outrageous' that Serco was resuming payouts to shareholders on the back of those earnings.

Soames has been paid a total of £28.1m since taking over as chief executive and could earn as much as £4.2m for this year if he hits performance targets.

He will also continue to receive a proportion of his base salary of £850,000 and annual bonus going into 2023, until he has served 12 months' notice. Serco chairman John Rishton said Soames 'should be really proud of what he has achieved'. He added: 'Serco is unrecognisable from the business that he joined in 2014.

'Under his leadership, the business was stabilised, a clear strategy developed and executed, which has resulted in the strong and successful business it is today.'



Soames has said he will not be taking up any other executive roles, a spokesman for the company said.

Australian Mark Irwin, the head of Serco's UK and Europe division, will take over as chief executive.

Analysts at Liberum said some investors would be 'inevitably disappointed' by the departure but that Irwin, 57, was a 'safe pair of hands'.

Coutts warns customers not to update their iPhones

by ***Lucy White***

COUTTS has warned customers not to update the operating systems on their iPhones due to a problem with its online banking service.

The blue-blooded lender, which counted the late Queen as a client and still banks for the rest of the Royal Family, sent an email to its customers on Saturday asking them to take the unusual step of turning off automatic updates on their phones. It said they may lose access to their Coutts digital services if they upgraded to iOS 16, Apple's biggest update to the iPhone since 2020 which was released yesterday.

Several customers were alarmed by the message from NatWest-owned Coutts, pointing out that updates often contain important security features as well as fixes to bugs and vulnerabilities.

The boss of one City firm who banks with Coutts told the Daily Mail that various systems which he uses for work will only function when the latest version of Apple's operating system is installed.

'In short, as a customer of Coutts I have a choice of either having access to my work or having access to my bank account,' he said. 'The problem with not upgrading to latest operating systems is that you open up cyber security risk for the individual and also, if linked, to your company.

'I am amazed that this has happened and that a major part of the NatWest group – who as everyone knows operate the new King's account – cannot supply a digital service once Apple upgrade their operating system.'

A spokesman for Coutts said: 'A new version of the Coutts app is now available in the app store.

'Clients are being asked to update their app before downloading iOS 16.'

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written by Money Mail editor **Victoria Bischoff**



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Ratings agency sounds alarm over Asda debts

by ***Archie Mitchell***

ASDA suffered another blow after a ratings agency sounded the alarm over its mounting debt pile.

Fitch downgraded the outlook on the UK's third-biggest supermarket from 'stable' to 'negative' after the business's £600m swoop on Co-op's petrol stations.

The ratings agency said the £200m borrowed to fund the takeover left Asda with higher debt levels than expected – adding that it would likely not return to a 'stable' level until 2024.

And the agency, which judges how well companies will be able to pay their debts, also slashed its forecast for Asda's profit this year. A spokesman said Asda will make an £850m profit this year, down from an earlier prediction of £1.1bn.

The cut comes after Asda saw profit fall by a quarter in the first half of the year. The supermarket group suffered a drop in sales as it pushed up prices faster than rivals.



Fitch's downgrade is the latest setback for Asda since being snapped up for £6.8bn in 2020 by the billionaire Issa brothers (*pictured*) and London private equity house TDR Capital. The firm has been consistently losing market share and has been rocked by an exodus of senior management.

As well as the negative outlook, Fitch held its rating for Asda's debt at 'BB-minus', which means that there is an 'elevated' risk of the business defaulting. Asda confirmed last month it would buy the petrol retail arm of Co-op in a deal valuing it at £600m. It will take on the 130 forecourts, adding to the 320 it already owns.

The deal will accelerate Asda's launch into the convenience market, which has so far eluded it.

The retailer opened its first On the Move store last year and will open its 50th this month.

Fitch said that this is a 'positive' as the convenience market is growing faster and comes with higher profit margins than larger supermarkets.

An Asda spokesman said: 'We remain focused on our long-term strategy to become the UK's number-two grocery retailer by delivering value to customers and giving them more opportunities to shop with us. The acquisition of the Co-op sites gives us a meaningful position in a growing convenience market.'

Light at end of the tunnel

Maggie Pagano



WHEN we're living through such great adversity, it is a fool's game making bold forecasts about the economy.

Yet reading the tea leaves, there are enough tentative signs coming through on the economic front that suggest we may avoid a recession, certainly the deep recession that so many doomsayers have been predicting.

The first sign came with the latest Office for National Statistics data for July's GDP, which showed the economy grew by 0.2pc, after a sharp drop in June, partly due to the extra bank holidays for the Queen's Jubilee.

By far the biggest contributor to growth was the services sector, which was boosted by England hosting – and winning – the Women's Euro 2022 tournament.

While next week's bank holiday for the Queen's funeral will have an impact on September's figures, most economists reckon it will be minimal. Even so, most predict the public holiday could hit GDP by 0.2pc because of the period of mourning, which suggests that over the July to September period we could be close to technical recession territory – two quarters of shrinking output.

Between April and June, the economy shrank by 0.1pc. If you take July's small growth and, by all accounts, a miserable month of August as several surveys point to weak production and muted demand as cost of living outstrips disposable incomes, this quarter could be tight.

On the plus side is the massive emergency package to cap energy prices announced by Liz Truss last week, but overshadowed by Her Majesty's death. By choosing a cap rather than handouts or grants, the package should squeeze down inflation but also give consumers a little more confidence. They may even dip into their lockdown savings.

Truss and Chancellor Kwasi Kwarteng are due to reverse the recent 1.25 percentage-point rise in national insurance in the emergency budget due later this month, which should also help keep up the better spirits. It's important too that the Bank of England doesn't overshoot and put up interest rates too sharply. On a broader front, Ukraine's recapturing of occupied territory from the Russians in the most astonishing counter-offensive in Kharkiv province is also raising hopes of a potential resolution to the crisis.

European natural gas prices fell to their lowest in a month on hopes that President Putin will no longer be able to leverage prices against the West. Futures contracts are now down nearly 10 per cent.

Whatever the specific reason, there is undoubtedly a brighter feel to sentiment in the financial markets, here and in Europe.

The pound climbed against the dollar and the stock market saw strong gains.

There is another, more emotional, but powerful reason which may be giving investors – particularly overseas ones – more confidence. The last few days have reminded them of the extraordinary inner strength of the British constitution, which has seen the most seamless transfer of the monarchy from Queen Elizabeth II to King Charles III without, so far, as much as a hiccup.

That's worth a dime or two.

Soames outsourced

ONE FTSE 250 firm whose shares did fall were Serco's. And for good reason. After eight years of hard slog, resilience and much wit, chief executive Rupert Soames has outsourced himself and is stepping down. He took over in 2014 when the outsourcer was close to going bust after a series of scandals. Seen as a pariah, many said it would never win another government contract.

But Soames launched the rescue rights issue, cleaned up the group, cut costs and sold various bits. Most importantly, he restored its reputation, got the share price back up to 169p, reduced debt and increased profits. Not a bad turnaround.

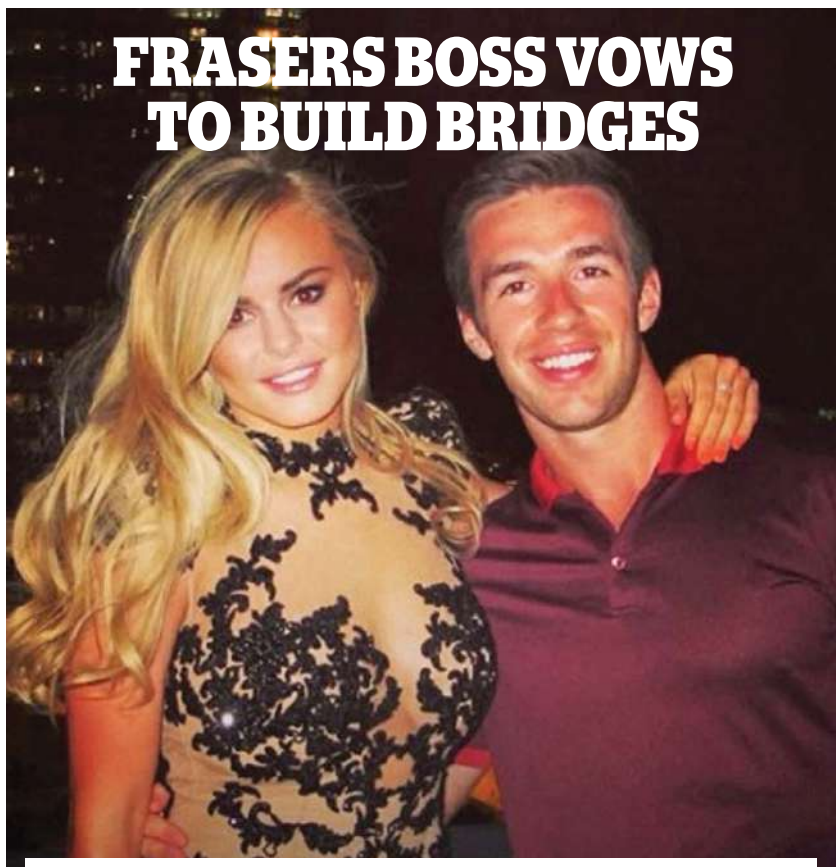
Inevitably, Serco was criticised for the troubled Covid Test and Trace scheme – although the Government is more to blame for such a bad design – and for making too much money from running the testing sites. Yet the firm has come out of this period stronger, winning several big public contracts in defence and immigration.

Soames may have outsourced himself after doing such a great job but companies in need of a turnaround strategist should now be trying to in-source him pronto.

Aga saga

THE dash by Germans to buy electric heaters to keep warm this winter is backfiring.

They have been warned that inefficient electric devices will overload the power grids, leading to cuts. Here, homeowners are selling their Agas because of the high cost of running them. It is time experts gave some proper advice, like chopping up more wood.



FRASERS BOSS VOWS TO BUILD BRIDGES

FRASERS Group's boss has promised to rebuild bridges with the City after taking the reins from his billionaire father-in-law.

Michael Murray – who is married to Mike Ashley's daughter Anna (*pictured with her husband*) and became chief executive of the Sports Direct owner in May – said Frasers would be 'increasing its efforts' to shore up relations with analysts and investors. Frasers will have a capital markets day, where shareholders can meet bosses and hear more about a firm's plans.

Ashley repeatedly drew criticism from City figures over his management of the group. His company also lost millions on a series of investments in firms which went bust, including Debenhams. Shares climbed 5.4pc, or 44p, to 856p.

Australians launch probe into Ladbrokes

*by **John-Paul Ford Rojas***

ENTAIN is being investigated in Australia over whether it has been complying with rules designed to thwart money laundering and terrorism financing.

The owner of betting group Ladbrokes was fined a record £17m by the UK gambling watchdog only a few weeks ago after a probe also covering money laundering concerns.

The investigation announced yesterday by Australia's financial crime regulator AUSTRAC covers a period from July 2016 to June 2020, and follows a preliminary assessment of companies across the sector by the watchdog.

Its powers can include seeking injunctions or fines in court, or referring cases for criminal investigations. But it may also take no action. No timetable for the investigation has been given.

AUSTRAC said companies covered by anti-money laundering and counter-terrorism financing laws 'must take seriously their role in combating serious and organised crime'.

The watchdog's chief executive Nicole Rose said firms had 'a responsibility to ensure they identify, assess and manage risks of money laundering and terrorism financing, develop adequate processes and devote the necessary resources to comply with their anti-money laundering and counter-terrorism financing obligations'.

Entain said it was cooperating with the investigation.

Shares were untroubled by the announcement, climbing 3.2pc, or 39p, to 1257.5p.

Entain accounts for about one sixth of Australia's online betting market. The sector has exploded in popularity since the pandemic kept punters away from betting shops.

It operates in the country under the Ladbrokes, Bookmaker and Betstar brands. Its revenues from Australia last year of £458m accounted for about 12pc of the group's global total. It is reportedly vying for a state licence to run betting shops in Western Australia – a push which could be jeopardised due to the probe, according to the business newspaper, Australian Financial Review.

Entain – whose brands also include Bwin, Foxy Bingo, and Coral – declined to comment on that claim.

Last month the company was fined £17m by the UK's Gambling Commission over what it described as 'completely unacceptable anti-money laundering and safer gambling failures'.

It found Entain did not assess the risks of its business 'being used for money laundering and terrorist financing' as well as failing adequately to monitor potentially vulnerable players.

Staff failed to block players who could not explain the source of their gambling funds, the commission found.

One was allowed to deposit £742,000 in 14 months without proper checks.

Goldman Sachs plotting staff cull

GOLDMAN Sachs will cut jobs as early as this month after pausing the annual cull for two years during the pandemic.

The Wall Street giant typically trims about 1pc to 5pc of its staff each year, and the 2022 cuts will likely be in the lower end of that range, according to Reuters. The staff reductions may begin as early as next week.

Goldman's headcount grew to 47,000 at the end of June, up 15pc from a year earlier. A 1pc cut to staffing would imply a reduction of about 500 bankers. The investment bank declined to comment. In July, Goldman Sachs warned that it might slow hiring as well as cut expenses as the economic outlook worsens.

It reported a 48pc slump in quarterly profit, which beat forecasts due to gains in fixed-income and commodities trading.

'Banks will likely continue to be under pressure to cut costs where they can and layoffs and slowdowns in hiring are quite possible,' said Ryan Detrick, chief market strategist at advisers Carson Group.

Heathrow passenger figures boost

HEATHROW was used by more than twice as many passengers in August than the same month in 2021, figures show.

Details released by the west London airport show 6m travellers passed through its terminals last month – that is up from 2.2m last August.

The figure for last month remained below the pre-coronavirus total of 7.7m in August 2019.

Heathrow is continuing to cap the number of daily departing passengers due to staff shortages, which caused chaos for travellers before action was taken to reduce flight schedules.

More than 38m people have now passed through Heathrow so far this year – four times more than the same period of 2021 as travel returns following the Covid-19 pandemic. The airport did not comment on its latest traffic figures due to the death of the Queen.

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Ferrexpo advances after Ukraine's counter-attack

MARKET REPORT



By ***John Abiona***

FERREXPO shares soared after Ukraine reclaimed territory from Russia in a remarkable counter-offensive.

After more than six months of Vladimir Putin's war in Europe, reports over the weekend said Ukrainian troops outnumbered Russian forces by eight to one as they pushed them out of north-eastern Kharkiv.

Shares in Ferrexpo, which operates in Ukraine and is the world's third-largest exporter of iron ore pellets for the global steel industry, surged 11.3pc, or 17.6p, to 173.7p on the news.

It marks a change of fortune for the FTSE 250-listed miner's stock which has taken a hit this year following the outbreak of war.

In April, the group ramped up its humanitarian fund to £10.7m to assist with the crisis unfolding in Ukraine.

Only two months later Ferrexpo delayed its interim dividend and also lowered its iron ore production after a transport route in Ukraine was damaged.

Russian air strikes have also hit Ukraine's railway network and the iron ore miner's ability to export.

But Ferrexpo shares have been helped by the latest slide in the US dollar and higher iron ore prices, analysts said.

In a positive start to the week, The **FTSE 100** rose 1.7pc, or 121.96 points, to 7473.03 and the **FTSE 250** gained 1.7pc, or 325.84 points, to 19513.87.

It came as official figures showed the economy grew by 0.2pc in July following a 0.6pc slump in June.

AJ Bell analyst Danni Hewson said: 'July boasted record temperatures and many service businesses benefited. Ice creams were consumed, sun cream was slathered on and beer gardens overflowed. Sporting events distracted people from their personal budgeting headaches and the incredible success of the England Women's football team [winning Euro 2022] bathed the country in a warm glow.

'But even in celebration there was an undertone of caution and July's rather anaemic growth came in below expectations, a factor which will add to concerns that the UK is slowly marching towards recession.'

Ferrexpo was not the only miner making gains as the price of metals such as copper, zinc and tin rose. **Rio Tinto** lifted 1.7pc, or 84.5p, to 4944.5p, **Anglo American** climbed 2.2pc, or 64p, to 2990.5p and **Glencore** added 2.2pc, or 10.95p, to 499.35p.

Antofagasta shares were up after it reassured investors there has been 'no material impact' to the expected completion date of the Los Pelambres project.

Chile, which is the world's largest copper mine producing country, last week instructed the miner to press pause on its marine works at the Los Pelambres site after waves knocked over a construction platform at the copper mine.

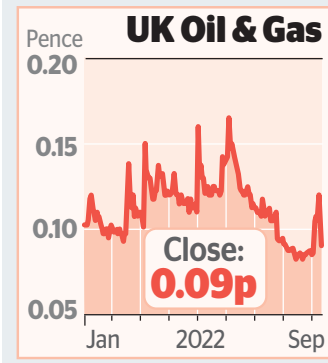
Antofagasta said it has already recovered some of the equipment, with the rest expected to follow when the weather improves. Shares rose 1.7pc, or 20p, to 1215.5p.

Retail stocks led the charge on London's top index as Shore Capital analyst Clive Black backed the largest chains to weather the economic storm. He warned the industry's 'darkest hour' was yet to come and further downgrades to profit guidance were likely – but a fall in inflation over the longer term will ease pressure on the sector.

Black mentioned the likes of **JD Sports**, up 4.3pc, or 5.4p, to 131.5p, **Marks & Spencer**, which rose 7.7pc, or 9.05p, to 126.7p, **Next**, ahead 3.1pc, or 182p, to 6064p, Primark owner **ABF**, which gained 3.8pc, or 51p, to 1406p, **Sainsbury's**, rising 5.3pc, or 10.8p, to 213.4p and **Tesco**, which climbed 5.5pc, or 13.2p, at 253.1p. He said these retailers will 'ride the still choppy economic waters and emerge into better times in good shape'.

STOCK WATCH





■ **UK OIL & Gas left investors spooked yesterday after it placed nearly 3.5bn shares at a discounted price.**

The energy company raised £3m, but the placing price of the shares was around 20.3pc below the stock's previous close. It was done to provide it 'with a source of general working capital'. It also wants to use the money to complete one of its programmes in Turkey.

The shares are expected to be placed on AIM on or around Friday. Shares fell 18.9pc, or 0.02p, to 0.09p.

TOP RISERS

	CLOSING PRICE	DAILY CHANGE	REASON
Ferrexpo	173.70	+11.27%	Ukraine fight-back
NCC Group	240.00	+9.34%	Sector optimism
Wood Group	144.40	+8.94%	Extends gains
Bridgepoint Group	281.40	+8.65%	Bounce back
HG Capital Trust	399.00	+8.28%	Upbeat outlook

TOP FALLERS

	CLOSING PRICE	DAILY CHANGE	REASON
Serco	168.00	-6.77%	Boss departs
Abrdn	410.00	-5.09%	Volatile market
Network Int	277.40	-4.80%	Industry woes
BH Macro	4690.00	-3.70%	Recession fears
Tate & Lyle	735.80	-3.34%	Broker downgrade

	Price	+/-	High	Low
Aerospace & Defence				
Aston Martin	172¼	-3	10	63
BAE Systems	790⅞	+6¼	838⅝	528¼
Chemring Gp	302½	xd+3	367½	256
Meggitt	798¼	+¼	798¼	732⅜
QinetiQ	338	+4	394¼	243
Rolls-Royce	80⅜	+2¼	147½	71¼
TI Fluid Systems	150⅜	xd+1⅜	287½	136
Banks				
Banco Santander	231⅜	+11¼	290⅞	193⅜
Bank of Georgia	2205	+80	2205	986
Barclays	174¼	xd+5⅛	217⅜	140⅜
HSBC Hldgs	536	xd+11	567¼	359¼
Lloyds Banking	47	xd+1	55⅛	41
NatWest Group	269½	xd+8¼	269½	192⅜
Stan Chartered	627¼	xd+13	638⅜	410
TBC Bank	1912	+30	1912	901
Virgin Money UK	156¼	+2⅜	218⅛	124¼
Beverages				
Britvic	803	+19	949½	741
C&C Group	177¼	+5¼	264¼	163¼
Coca-Cola HBC	2000	+32	2687	1460½
Diageo	3835½	xd+38	4103½	3343
Chemicals				
Croda Intnal	7028	xd+162	10410	5908
Elementis	113¼	+4	157¼	97
Johnson Matt	2055	+47	2763	1721
Synthomer	192¼	+1½	524½	182
Victrex	1820	+43	2562	1590
Construction & Materials				
Balfour Beatty	340⅜	+6⅜	340⅜	215⅜
CRH	3249½	xd+88½	4002	2756½
Genuit Group	357½	xd+15½	739	333
Grafton Gp	764¼	xd+17⅜	1381	704
Ibstock	201¼	xd+4⅛	220⅜	154
Marshalls	340	+13¼	819½	319
Tyman	224½	xd+5½	444½	211
Volution	357½	+20	560	325
Electricity				
Contour Global	256xd	-½	258	178
Drax Gp	750xd	+½	831½	436
SSE	1805½	xd+15½	1920	1525
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Renishaw	3594	+46	5500	3444
Spectris	2940	+30	4083	2458
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Aberforth Smlr Cos	1224	+16	1560	1144
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Fidelity Emg	607¼	+4¼	882	587¼
Fidelity Eur	295	+7	345	267½
Fidelity Spec Val	271	+8	315	250
Finsbury G&I Tst	851	+11	930	734
GCP Infra Inv	107	+¼	118⅜	100¼
Global Smaller	143⅜	+3⅜	177	134⅜
Greencoat UK	163	-½	165¼	129¼
Harbourvest	2175	+15	2940	2000
Henderson Sml Co	823xd	+27	1322	754
Herald Inv Trust	1730	+44	2585	1560
HG Capital Trust	399	+30½	454	267½
HICL Infr	177xd	+⅜	183	161
Hipgnosis Songs	108¼	+¼	129¼	102⅜
ICG Enterprise	1050	-30	1314	954
Impax Enviro Mkts	449	+6½	583	381½
JPM American	774xd	+1	795	655
JPM Emerg Mkt	108	+1¼	137¼	99¼
JPM Euro Disc	399	+10½	582	366½
JPM Japan IT	474	+9	729	412½
Jupiter Fund	107½	+3¼	265	91⅜
Law Debenture	762	+26	830	709
LXI REIT	154	+3	154	133⅜
M&G	201¼	xd-2⅜	227¼	178¼
Mercantile IT	194	+6	284½	173¾
Molten Ventures	361	+5¼	1154	326¼
Monks Inv Tst	1064xd	+12	1450	888
Morgan Sindall	1730	+60	2600	1630
Murray Inc Tst	836xd	+18	934	770
Murray Intl Tst	1276	+36	1320	1076
Ninety One	204¼	+3¼	277⅜	183¾
Pantheon Intl	266	+1	351	240½
Pershing Square	2855xd	-20	3115	2330
Personal Assets Tr	490¼	xd+⅜	509	473½
Polar Cap Tech	2070	+25	2750	1778
Renewables Infra	144xd	+1⅜	147¼	123¼
RIT Cap Partners	2345	+50	2765	2220
Schroder Asia	520	+2	614	498
Schroder Oriental	264	+1	276	251½
Scot American Inv	498xd	+10	543	442½
Scottish Mortgage	849⅜	+12	1543½	670⅜
Sequoia Econ Infra	89½	+1¼	113⅜	83¼
Smithson Inv	1328	+38	2025	1140
Syncona	204	+8	219	157¼
Templeton Em	149¼	+1⅜	189¼	140⅜
Vietnam Enter	694	+8	791	625
VinaCapital Vietna	497	-11	545	454
Witan Invest	225½	xd+3	257	202
Wwide Healthcare	3470	+20	3810	2825
XP Power	1968xd	+48	5540	1798
Food Producers				
Assoc Brit Foods	1406	+51	2131	1345
Cranswick	3104	+48	3820	2918
Greencore Gp	90	+2	146⅜	84⅛
Hilton Food Gp	973	+12	1250	930
Premier Foods	108⅜	+3¼	126¼	98¼
Tate & Lyle	735¼	-25⅜	906½	733½
Unilever	4020½	+67½	4063½	3328
Forestry & Paper				
Mondi	1512½	xd+451	971	1309
General Financial				
3i Group	1195	+28½	1503½	1059
Ashmore Gp	231¼	+4⅜	370¼	192
BR Throgmorton	584	+13	1022	533
Brewin Dolphin	513		517	266
Bridgepoint Group	281⅜	xd+22⅜	569	208
Capital Gearing	5100		5180	4905
Close Brothers	1061	+29	1575	987
CMC Markets	228½	-1	317	214½
Coats Group	59¾	+1⅛	81⅜	57
Hargrvs Lansdwn	882¼	+26	1598	762⅜
IG Gp	799	+5½	857½	648
Integrafin	274¼	+6¼	602	213
Intermediate Cap	1292½	+9	2379	1254
Intl Public Prtnshps	167	-1	174¼	156
Investec	414⅜	+9¼	536¼	275⅜
IP Group	73⅜	xd+3½	141¼	66¼
JTC	769	+10	936	571
London Stock Ex	8098xd	+94	8582	6370
Man Group	257½	xd+1	274⅜	178⅜
OSB Group	547½	xd+2	599	418¼
Paragon	506	+10⅜	617½	427¼
Petershill Partners	221½	+1½	350¼	194¼
Plus500	1646xd	-2	1824	1255½
Provident Financial	188¼	xd+2½	381⅜	166
Quilter	109½	xd+4¼	185	96⅜
Rathbone Grp	1824xd	+34	2210	1518
Ruffer Investment	304		325	230
Schroders	2730	+70	3871	2578
SDCL Energy	115¼	xd	125⅜	97¼
Temple Bar	225xd	+5½	254⅜	203⅜
TP ICAP	172⅜	+1⅜	172⅜	102½
Health Care Equipment & Services				
Convatec	231¾	xd+3⅜	245¼	166⅜
Mediclinic Intl	494⅜	+¼	501½	286⅜
Smith & Neph	1105	+½	1369	1008
Spire Health	240½	+2½	254½	206
Housebuilders				
Barratt Devel	433¾	+11⅜	760	408⅜
Bellway	2097	+42	3505	1959
Berkeley Grp	3716	+174	4903	3447
Countryside	261	+⅜	530	225¼
Crest Nicholson	229¼	+3⅜	413⅜	220⅜
Persimmon	1519½	+17½	2883	1442
Redrow	493¾	xd+5⅜	718¼	470⅜
Taylor Wimpey	110⅜	+2¼	178	104
Vistry Group	800		1261½	741
Industrial Transportation				
Clarkson	2770	xd+45	4180	2665
Redde Northgate	332	+4½	440½	312
Royal Mail	267¼	+8¼	526¼	251¼
Industrials				
Bodycote	561	+19½	945	500
Hill & Smith	1064	+38	1866	960
IMI	1186	xd+44	1838	1071
Melrose Ind	126⅜	-¼	183½	107⅜
RHI Magnesita	1966	xd+72	3702	1729
Rotork	253⅜	xd+4¼	373⅜	232¼
Smith (DS)	288¼	+9⅜	458¼	260⅜
Smiths Gp	1575	+38	1629	1355½
Smurfit Kappa Gp	3015	+118	4180	2623
Spirax-Sarco	11060	+195	17135	9130
Vesuvius	361¼	xd+14⅜	550	284⅜
Weir Gp	1549½	+35	1897	1328½
Leisure Goods				
Games Workshp	7470	xd-30	11870	6005
Watches of Switz	875	+17	1518	737
Life Insurance				
abrdn	154¾	xd+3½	263⅜	141½
Aviva	444¾	xd+1¼	602⅜	382¼
Just Group	74½	+1¼	95⅜	63¼
Legal & General	265¾	xd+3½	307¼	233¼
Phoenix Gp	618¾	xd+4	701⅜	568¼
Prudential	976⅜	xd+15	1509	881
St James Place	1167½	xd+24½	1731½	1044
Media				
4imprint	3725	xd-10	4045	2240
Ascential	228⅜	+8¼	448¼	195
Auto Trader Gp	669	xd+10⅜	741¼	499½
Euromny Inst	1450		1466	829
Future	1722	+74	3830	1486
Informa	570	xd+9¼	624	464⅜
ITV	66¼	+2⅜	125⅜	61¼
Moneysprmkt.com	195¼	+3½	246¼	167
Pearson	921¾	xd+6	921¼	571¼
RELX	2310	xd+19	2449	2071
Rightmove Group	637¼	+7¼	800⅜	531
WPP	797⅜	+26⅜	1224	725¼
Mining				
Anglo American	2990½	xd+64	4170½	2470½
Antofagasta	1215½	xd+20	1781½	991⅜
BHP Group	2327½	xd+47½	3019	1835¼
Centamin	92⅜	xd	109¼	74⅜
Endeavour Mining	1777	xd+17	2100	1510
Evraz	81		646¼	53⅜
Ferrexpo	173¾	+17⅜	346⅜	107
Fresnillo	752⅜	xd+23¼	986¼	622⅜
Glencore	499⅜	xd+11	541½	312
Hochschild Mining	64¼	xd+1¼	173⅜	59⅜
Rio Tinto	4944½	xd+84½	6225	4375½
Nonlife Insurance				
Admiral Gp	2271	xd+70	3526	1729
Beazley	618	+12	618	370¼
Direct Line Ins	216⅜	xd+4	312¼	193⅜
Hiscox	927	xd+15¼	990¼	792¼
Lancashire Hldgs	527½	+12½	645	346⅜
Oil & Gas Producers				
BP	457⅜	xd+7	463⅜	300
Capricorn Energy	242	+1¼	242¼	171½
Diversified Energy	131⅜	xd+⅜	142	98½
Energean	1454	+36	1454	765½
Harbour Energy	480⅜	xd-¼	530	298½
Shell	2321½	xd+21½	2440	1833⅜
Tullow Oil	50	+1	62¼	39⅜
Oil Equipment & Services				
Wood Gp(J)	144⅜	+11⅞	251¼	127⅜
Pharmaceuticals & Biotechnology				
AstraZeneca	10622	xd+122	11440	8063
Dechra Pharma	3310	+22	5365	3110
Genus	2888	+28	5750	2234
GSK	1377⅜	xd+29	1810⅜	1344¼
Hikma Pharma	1316	xd+30½	2485	1266½
Indivior	299¼	+6	336¼	193⅜
PZ Cussons	200	+2¼	248½	182¼
Reckitt Benckiser	6628	xd+60	6808	5391
Real Estate				
Assura	64⅞	xd	+¾	75¼	59⅜
Big Yellow Gp	1264	+15	1724	1200
British Land	422⅞	+8¼	556⅜	406⅜
Captl & Count Prop	121⅜	xd+3¼	179¼	116⅜
CLS Hldgs	178⅜	+4¼	235½	171⅜
Derwent London	2482	xd+52	3687	2352
Grainger	275¼	+7¼	328	258¼
Grt Portland Est	737		779	700½
Hammerson	22¼	+¼	39⅜	19
Land Securities	645¼	xd+10¼	813¼	617
LondonMetric Prop	212⅜	xd+3¼	285¼	201¼
Primary Hlth Prop	138¼	+½	163	131⅜
Safestore Hldgs	1025	-3	1418	1015
Savills	987	xd+36	1450	902
SEGRO	946⅜	xd+16	1436½	891⅜
Shaftesbury	419⅜	+17	662	400⅜
Sirius Real Estate	82⅜	+1¼	144	78⅜
Supermarket Income	124½	+1½	133	116½
Target Healthcare	107¼	+⅜	119¼	106
TR Property IT	359	+8½	504	343½
Tritax Big Box	170⅜	+3¼	249	158¼
Tritax Eurobox	82xd	+2	117¼	79½
UK Comm Prop	68⅜	+1⅜	93⅜	66
Unite Group	1070	+19	1207	990¼
Urban Logistics	174	+6	199	118½
Workspace Gp	532	+13½	899½	498⅜
Retailers				
ASOS	725	+51½	3345	663
B&M	363⅜	+12¼	644	344⅜
Burberry Gp	1773	+61½	2063	1482
Currys	67⅜	xd+1⅜	140⅜	58⅜
Dr. Martens	255	+6	429¼	182⅜
Dunelm Gp	763	+26½	1521	670½
Frasers Group	856	+44	949½	562½
Greggs	2044	xd+45	3416	1804
Howden Joinery	617	+32¼	975¼	552⅜
Inchcape	770½	+18½	928	647
JD Sports Fashion	131½	+5⅜	234	102⅜
Kingfisher	256⅜	+14¼	370½	229⅜
Marks & Spencer	126¾	+9	256⅜	116⅜
Moonpig	211	+6¼	384⅜	175⅜
Next	6064	+182	8426	5732
Ocado Gp	795¼	+38⅜	1897½	684¼
Pets at Home Gp	331	+10	519	278
Sainsbury(J)	213⅜	+10¼	306½	197⅜
SSP Group	233½	+7⅜	303¼	201¼
Tesco	253⅜	+13¼	303⅜	237⅜
WH Smith	1469½	+29½	1805½	1311
Software & Computer Services				
Auction Tech	872	+40	1516	749
Avast	716⅜		721	465
Aveva Gp	2959	+15	4032	1924
Baltic Classifieds	148⅜	xd+6⅜	253	99¼
Bytes Technology	439¼	+8⅜	578½	399
Computacenter	2198	+16	2978	2182
Darktrace	385⅜	+6¼	985	287⅜
FDM Group	752xd	+9	1354	723
Kainos Gp	1456	+7	2084	954½
Micro Focus Intl	520		520	256¼
NCC Grp	240	+20½	301½	167⅜
Playtech	472⅜	+18⅜	770	416
Sage Group	754⅜	+7	853¼	595⅜
Softcat	1275	-2	2240	1217
Support Services				
Ashtead Gp	4458xd	+166	6450	3359
Babcock Intl	324⅜	+4¼	380¼	295⅜
Biffa	404⅜	xd+2⅜	415¼	283
Bunzl	2921	+22	3163	2397
DCC	5056	+118	6486	4750
Diploma	2596	+62	3460	2158
Essentra	200	+2⅜	357	191⅜
Experian	2798	+68	3667	2285
Ferguson	10260	+125	13305	8680
Hays	123¼	+2¼	175⅜	109
Homeserve	1190		1190	608½
Intertek Gp	4094	+94	5782	3873
IWG	152¼	+3¼	310	144¼
Mitie Group	77⅜	+1¼	79¼	46½
Network Int	277⅜	-14	371¼	171¼
Pagegroup	416¾	xd+14⅜	680½	383¼
Rentokil Initial	554¼	xd+2¼	636¼	444½
RS Group	1118	+19	1255	812
Serco	168	xd-12¼	188¼	121¼
Travis Perkins	886⅜	+34⅜	1830	805
Technology Hardware & Equipment				
discoverIE Gp	785	+31	1196	597
Spirent Comms	268	xd+3⅜	298¼	215⅜
Telecoms				
Airtel Africa	144	+4⅜	170⅜	93¼
BT Gp	144½	xd+4⅜	200⅜	135¼
Helios Towers	122¼	+4	189	110
Telecom Plus	1790	-2	2250	1010
Vodafone Gp	110½	+2⅜	139½	107
Tobacco				
Br Am Tob	3509	+20	3628	2512½
Imperial Brands	1952	xd -½	1952½	1486
Travel & Leisure				
888 Holdings	126¼	+2⅜	478	119
Carnival	789¼	+8⅜	1766⅜	619⅜
Compass Gp	1926	+26	1969½	1436
Dominos Pizza	256¼	xd+1¼	465¼	226⅜
easyJet	365	+6⅜	727⅜	345½
Entain	1257½	xd+392	377	1075½
FirstGroup	125	+4½	139½	85
Flutter Ent	10710	+475	15890	7614
Intercontl Htls	4869	xd+76	5338	4193
Intl Cons Airl	113	+1⅜	188	102⅜
Mitchells & Butlers	172¼	+6¼	267¼	149⅜
National Express	190¼	+2¼	284¼	166⅜
Trainline	368⅜	+13½	409	159
TUI AG	142¼	+5⅜	343⅜	123½
Wetherspoon (JD)	538½	+17½	1095	471¼
Whitbread	2673	+71	3438	2431
Wizz Air Hldgs	2201	+130	5398	1695
Utilities				
Centrica	87⅜	+¼	91	50⅜
National Grid	1078	+7	1245½	884⅜
Pennon	972½	+23½	1247	916
Severn Trent	2808	+45	3211	2603
United Utilities	1078	+22	1176½	968⅜

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Havana - Corner Lounge Set

This sleek contemporary lounge set is perfect for a lazy evening in the garden. It can seat up to 5 comfortably and comes with a square coffee table in shades of a sophisticated graphite. This set is virtually maintenance-free and comes with thick foam cushions which have easily removable covers for washing to maintain that pristine look. This set comes with a 1-year constructional warranty.

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Stockholm - Corner Lounge Set - Black

This gorgeous sleek set is the perfect spot to unwind outdoors with friends and family. This unique dark sofa seats up to 6 people and includes a beautifully designed corner sofa, a generously sized sturdy dining table and is virtually maintenance-free. This set comes with a 12-month constructional warranty. Available in both left or right hand orientation.*

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Palma - Corner Rattan Garden Lounge Set

This stylish lounge set, which seats up to 9, is the perfect setting for alfresco dining. Constructed using durable polyrattan, making it practical and hardwearing. Consisting of a deluxe 7 seater sofa, square stool, rectangular stool and a generously sized coffee table with a glass table top. The luxurious thick cushions come in a chic Grey and have removable covers for washing.

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Marbella - 5-Seater Corner Lounge Set

Relax in your garden without a care in the world with this stunning rattan lounge set. Brought to you in an elegant Earth Grey colour theme, this set will add character and personality to your garden. With its galvanised steel frame, this set is virtually maintenance-free and seats 5 comfortably so you can entertain outside with ease. Includes a tempered glass-topped coffee table.

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Santorini - Lounge Set with Side Cushions

If it is versatility you're looking for then look no further than the sleek, modular Santorini lounge set. Consisting of a right-hand and a left-hand sofa, two ottomans and a compact coffee table, allowing you to transform your garden set into a variety of options when placed in multiple combinations. Also available in Grey and comes with a 12-month constructional warranty.

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Chesterton - Corner Rattan Set

Sit in luxury with this rustic and comfortable lounge set, made from durable polyrattan making it completely maintenance-free. The tempered glass-topped coffee table brings a touch of class and the seat and back cushions are easily removable making it so easy to look after. Seating 5 people with ease, this lounge set will be all you need to make your evenings stress free.

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1.35 —SKY SPORTS RACING SKY 415 HANDICAP (6) £7,500 added (£3,726) 5f 42yds (13)

101 (6) 321162 **FORESEEABLE FUTURE 7 (V) (CD2) (G)** R Carr 7-9-10 **B Sayette (3)**
102 (13) 575476 **MEHMO 35 (V) (D2) (G)** C Dunnett 4-9-10 **E J Walsh**
103 (4) 326555 **NAVY DRUMS 15 (H)** R Cowell 4-9-8 **G Downing**
104 (8) 634240 **PORTELET BAY 70 (TV) (CBF) (GS)** P Evans 4-9-7 **H Doyle**
105 (1) 423346 **AMASOVA 10 (D)** Alice Haynes 4-9-6 **C Howarth (5)**
106 (12) 5L2L28 **FOR PEAT'S SAKE 10 (V) (D)** M Appleby 4-9-5 **F Larson (5)**
107 (7) 60L965 **CHANSON D'AMOUR 19 (P)** P Charalambous & J Clutterbuck 3-9-1 **M Harley**
108 (11) 06-L876 **PRIVILEGE 19 (T) (S)** R Cowell 4-8-13 **R Havlin**
109 (9) L-66573 **SWELL SONG 41 (V)** R Cowell 6-8-10 **H Turner**
110 (5) LL4458 **ENCHANTED NIGHT 19 (P)** C Dunnett 4-8-9 **Collen Storey**
111 (10) 9R0-786 **ROBERT FROST 35** T Kent 5-8-9 **J F Egan**
112 (2) 70L487 **NEMORUM 23 (B)** T Kent 3-8-8 **C Fallon**
113 (3) 89L47 **GLEN ETIVE 35 (PT)** W Jarvis 3-8-8 **David Egan**

Probable SP: 3 Foreseeable Future, 9-2 Portelet Bay, 5 Amasova, 13-2 For Peat's Sake. **FAVS: – – – – – – – – 1 0 (W 8-12). AGES: – – – – – – – – 8 3**

2021: Snow Berry 3 8 9 (Callum Shepherd) 12-1 M Appleby drawn (7) 8 ran.

2.10 —BRITISH STALLION STUDS EBF NOVICE STAKES (4) (2-Y-O) £11,900 added (£6,426) 6f 3yds (15)

201 (12) **ABRAVAGGIO** G Margarson 9-7 **J F Egan**
202 (5) **ARARAT (H)** D M Simcock 9-7 **J P Spencer**
203 (15) L **DARK KESTREL 34 (T)** J & T Gosden 9-7 **R Havlin**
204 (4) 3 **DICKO THE LEGEND 17** Joseph Parr 9-7 **D Muscutt**
205 (6) **GLOBAL VOLITION** C Dwyer 9-7 **T Hammer Hansen**
206 (1) **MOJITO BOY** C Hills 9-7 **T P Queally**
207 (10) 2 **PROVERB 17** G Boughey 9-7 **W Buick**
208 (2) L **REWILDING 40** R Cowell 9-7 **H Turner**
209 (9) 7 **SAVE THE WORLD 16** J Chapple-Hyam 9-7 **H Doyle**
210 (7) 89 **SKYBLUE EXPERT 10** Alice Haynes 9-7 **C Howarth (5)**
211 (11) **SPARTAN ARROW (T)** S & E Crisford 9-7 **David Egan**
212 (8) L **SPEZIATO 15** K P De Foy 9-7 **M Harley**
213 (13) **SSENWAN** W Haggas 9-7 **NON RUNNER**
214 (3) **ZOOLOGY** J Ferguson 9-7 **C Fallon**
215 (14) LL **SPEEDWELL 13** Alice Haynes 9-2 **S M Levey**

Probable SP: 7-4 Proverb, 4 Dicko The Legend, 6 Spartan Arrow, 13-2 Zoology, 10 Dark Kestrel, 12 Ararat, Mojito Boy. **FAVOURITES: – – – – – 1 2 1 0 2**

2021: Light Infantry 2 9 5 (Jamie Spencer) 3-1 D M Simcock drawn (8) 8 ran.

2.45 —RACING LEAGUE ON SKY SPORTS RACING NURSERY (5) (2-Y-O) £9,000 added (£4,536) 7f 3yds (8)

301 (8) 2L3L23 **DUCHRAY 16 (S)** C & M Johnston 9-9 **O Stammers (3)**
302 (5) L68L **MICKEY DONOVAN 25** P Evans 9-9 **G Downing**
303 (4) LL1 **BEECHWOOD MICK 39 (D) (G)** D Loughnane 9-8 **S James**
304 (7) 64736 **MANWHOTHINKSHECAN 34 (V)** E Dunlop 9-8 **T Marquand**
305 (1) 846 **TOP OF THE CLASS 86 (P)** M Loughnane 9-7 **E J Walsh**
306 (2) 20604 **BARLOW BARLOW 16 (P)** M Appleby 9-3 **F Larson (5)**
307 (6) 674 **TWILIGHT GUEST 40** G Margarson 9-1 **T P Queally**
308 (3) 527 **ZEBRA STAR 45** G Boughey 9-0 **W Buick**

Probable SP: 10-3 Beechwood Mick, 7-2 Duchray, 4 Zebra Star, 7 Manwhothinkshecan. **FAVOURITES: – – – – – – – 2 1 1 (W 9-6).**

2021: My Little Tip 2 9 7 (Aled Beech) 1-2 Fav G Boughey drawn (8) 8 ran.

3.20 —FOLLOW ATTHERACES ON TWITTER RESTRICTED MAIDEN STAKES (5) (2-Y-O) £6,800 added (£3,672) 1m 1f 21yds (8)

401 (2) 4 **CORSICAN CAPER 20** K P De Foy 9-7 **D Muscutt**
402 (3) **DIONYSIAN** S C Williams 9-7 **S M Levey**
403 (5) 7 **RAMENSKY 18** W Haggas 9-7 **T Marquand**
404 (4) L23 **CHOURMO 24** M Channon 9-5 **David Egan**
405 (1) **HAALAND** G Kelleway 9-5 **R Havlin**
406 (7) 5 **HAVANAZAM 20** A Balding 9-5 **W Buick**
407 (6) 4 **TIMEWAVE 49** C & M Johnston 9-5 **H Doyle**
408 (8) 6 **DANCE HAVANA 20 (T)** Alice Haynes 9-0 **C Howarth (5)**

Probable SP: 7-2 Corsican Caper, 9-2 Chourmo, Ramensky, Havanazam, 13-2 Timewave. **FAVOURITES & 2021:** No corresponding race.

TRACK FACTS: JACKPOT MEETING. L-H course. GOING: Good to soft. **STALLS:** Straight centre; 1m1f & 1m2f inside. **DRAW ADVANTAGE:** High. **Top jockey:** Jamie Spencer. **Top trainer:** J & T Gosden. **Placed in the race last year:** 1.35 Swell Song (3rd). **Headgear first time:** 1.35 Glen Etive, 2.10 Ararat, Spartan Arrow, 2.45 Barlow Barlow, Manwhothinkshecan, Top Of The Class, 3.55 Land Of Eagles, 5.03 Angle Land, Shanko. **Longest travellers:** Portelet Bay (1.35), Mickey Donovan (2.45), Dora Penny (4.30) 251 miles. **Drop in Class:** None today.

ROBIN GOODFELLOW	GIMCRACK
1.35 Foreseeable Future	1.35 Foreseeable Future
2.10 Zoology	2.10 Proverb
2.45 Beechwood Mick	2.45 Beechwood Mick
3.20 Corsican Caper	3.20 Corsican Caper (nb)
3.55 Admiralty House	3.55 Admiralty House
4.30 Makarova	4.30 Tarhib
5.03 The Defiant	5.03 Colombe

NEWMARKET – 5.03 Stone Circle (nb).

3.55 —FRIARY FARM CARAVAN PARK HANDICAP (4) £10,800 added (£5,508) 1m 2f 23yds (10)

501 (8) 1-15575 **RAAJIL 34** Tom Clover 4-10-3 **J Mitchell**
502 (9) 381661 **MAGICAL MILE 19 (V) (D2) (GS)** I Mohammed 4-9-13 **B Sayette (3)**
503 (3) 470-143 **GLEN ESK 93 (D4BF) (G)** C Wall 5-9-11 **Kaiya Fraser (7)**
504 (5) 38-5283 **KAARANAH 15** J Butler 4-9-11 **D Muscutt**
505 (7) 65-310 **STORM CASTLE 33 (D)** J & T Gosden 3-9-11 **R Havlin**
506 (4) 61413L **TARBAAN 86 (T)** Miss A Murphy 3-9-10 **T Marquand**
507 (10) 322L52 **ADMIRALTY HOUSE 25 (H)** A King 3-9-10 **M Harley**
508 (2) 245 **CAPSTAN 72** Sir M Stoute 3-9-7 **C Fallon**
509 (1) 43-4215 **LAND OF EAGLES 73 (T) (D)** G Boughey 3-9-4 **W Buick**
510 (6) 3-5667 **CUMULONIMBUS 46** C Fellowes 3-9-1 **H Doyle**

Probable SP: 4 Admiralty House, 5 Magical Mile, 11-2 Glen Esk, 6 Storm Castle, 7 Kaaranah, 8 Capstan. **FAVOURITES & 2021:** No corresponding race.

4.30 —BOB HUNT'S RACE DAY FILLIES' HANDICAP (3) £14,000 added (£7,560) 6f 3yds (8)

601 (7) L40248 **ROMANTIC TIME 38 (CD) (GS)** W Stone 3-9-9 **H Doyle**
602 (3) 1-554L4 **HELLO ME 17 (P) (D5) (G)** Joseph Parr 4-9-8 **D Muscutt**
603 (5) 15L-04L **DUBAI JEWEL 81 (D2) (G)** Alex French 3-9-8 **S M Levey**
604 (1) 114-705 **KINGMANIA 87 (C) (G)** C Wall 4-9-6 **J Mitchell**
605 (2) 8L6555 **ZIM BABY 39 (H) (D3BF) (S)** M Appleby 5-9-6 **F Larson (5)**
606 (6) 2/118-02 **TARHIB 89 (C&DDBF) (S)** W Haggas 4-9-6 **J Crowley**
607 (4) 118227 **MAKAROVA 12 (D2BF) (G)** E Walker 3-9-6 **T Marquand**
608 (8) 511110 **DORA PENNY 12 (T) (D5) (GS)** P Evans 3-9-4 **W Buick**

Probable SP: 2 Tarhib, 7-2 Makarova, 6 Hello Me, 15-2 Dubai Jewel, 8 Dora Penny, 10 Kingmania. **FAVOURITES & 2021:** No corresponding race.

5.03 —MOULTON NURSERIES HANDICAP (4) £10,800 added (£5,508) 5f 42yds (11)

1 (10) 885148 **JACK THE TRUTH 37 (T) (D9) (G)** G Scott 8-10-0 **D Muscutt**
2 (5) 2-63009 **JOSIES KID 24 (D) (S)** Alice Haynes 3-9-12 **C Howarth (5)**
3 (3) 603966 **SHANKO 13 (TV) (D)** S C Williams 3-9-10 **S M Levey**
4 (6) 235312 **THE DEFIANT 18 (T) (D7) (G)** D Steele 6-9-7 **R Clutterbuck (3)**
5 (4) 211016 **STONE CIRCLE 19 (C&DD2) (GS)** M Bell 5-9-7 **B Sayette (3)**
6 (7) 120554 **JAMES WATT 17 (P) (D5) (GS)** P Midgley 6-9-7 **S James**
7 (9) 1162L3 **COLOMBE 17 (T) (D3) (S)** G Boughey 4-9-4 **W Buick**
8 (8) 1L4664 **HAN SOLO BERGER 17 (V) (C&D2D4) (GS)** R Cowell 7-9-0 **H Doyle**
9 (1) 128568 **ANGLE LAND 15 (V) (D2) (S)** R Cowell 3-9-0 **R Havlin**
10 (2) 02LL13 **HAVEONEYERSELF 8 (C&D2D5) (GS)** J Butler 7-8-13 **David Egan**
11 (11) 324226 **GRANDFATHER TOM 32 (V) (C&D2D6) (G)** R Cowell 7-8-9 **H Turner**

Probable SP: 7-2 The Defiant, 9-2 Stone Circle, 5 Haveoneyerself, 6 Colombe, 10 Han Solo Berger. **FAVS: 0 1 1 1 – 3 3 1 3 0 (W 9-3).AGES: 5 5 3 5 – 3 3 4 5 4**

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First run since wind surgery: None today.

HOTSPOTS

WORK WHISPER
CANELO
(Uttoxeter, 4.10)

WEIGHTING GAME
CANELO
(Uttoxeter, 4.10)
Down 30lb from last winning mark.

BURNT FINGERS
ROBERT FROST
(Yarmouth, 1.35)

CAPTAIN HEATH TRIO
TARHIB (nap)
(Yarmouth, 4.30)
CAPSTAN (nb)
(Yarmouth, 3.55)
RUNNINWILD
(Redcar, 4.03)

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1.50 —CAZOO CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS' HANDICAP HURDLE (5) £9,300 added (£4,684) 2m 7f 70yds (16)

1 3217U/5 **WINDING ROE 21 (T) (D)** D McCain 8-12-2 **T Gillard (3)**
2 5L-4LPU **ROCK THE HOUSE 10 (S)** O Murphy 7-12-2 **Gearoid Harney (10)**
3 36/1P6- **GENTLEMAN VALLEY 241 (T)** B Pauling 6-12-1 **Luca Morgan (3)**
4 422 **DREAMWEAVER 22** Dr R Newland 6-12-1 **Mr L Scott (8)**
5 3292 **BALEARIC 26** Jonjo O'Neill 4-11-6 **K Brogan (3)**
6 30L77-1 **FINE BY ME 46 (D)** N Twiston-Davies 5-11-5 **F Lambert (6)**
7 84L-41L **HANA COLLONGES 90** N Henderson 5-11-4 **Sean O'Briain (10)**
8 132332 **ROBEAM 27 (P) (S)** M Mullineaux 6-11-4 **L Stones**
9 34F-6L8 **MISE RAFTAIRE 10 (P)** W Greatrex 7-11-2 **C Quinn (6)**
10 6P6011- **THE QUESTIONER 166 (P) (S)** O Greenall & J Guerriero 6-11-1 **T Wynne (6)**
11 B-L3764 **MONTY'S AWARD 26** A Irvine 10-10-12 **N F Houlihan**
12 661L-23 **MISS BAMBY 49 (G)** J Mackie 7-10-11 **P J Kavanagh**
13 607L-5L **CABAYO LADY 46 (HT)** Deborah Cole 5-10-2 **C Ward**
14 LP-55L4 **TOP DRAWER 46** Tracey Leeson 8-10-2 **C Ring**
15 97P4-43 **MILANESE ROSE 114 (P)** N Mulholland 6-10-2 **T Eyston (8)**
16 P909-L8 **THAT'S MY DUBAI 15 (S)** J K Hunter 9-10-2 **Emma Smith-Chaston**

Probable SP: 4 Fine By Me, 5 The Questioner, 11-2 Dreamweaver, 7 Gentleman Valley **FAVOURITES & 2021:** No corresponding meeting.

2.25 —QUINNBET DAILY FREE BET NOVICES' HURDLE (GBB RACE) (4) £9,000 added (£4,901) 1m 7f 168yds (10)

1 L0L-4# **CHARLIE MY BOY 49 (T)** J R Jenkins 5-11-0 **K Brogan**
2 6/P-67# **MILFOLHAS HAS 22** P Bowen 6-11-0 **J Bowen**
3 1-U3214 **SIR TIVO 57 (T)** G Hanmer 8-11-0 **S Bowen**
4 L **THE TRADER 31** S England 6-11-0 **J England**
5 **THRONE HALL F38** A Watson 5-11-0 **G Sheehan**
6 **DANCE AT NIGHT F150** N Twiston-Davies 4-10-12 **J Neild (7)**
7 **FENNO'S SOLDIER** M Walford 4-10-12 **Sean Quinlan**
8 **SHIYRVANN F87** S Edmunds 4-10-12 **C Gethings**
9 **THREE PLATOON F30 (T)** R Menzies 4-10-12 **N Moscrop**
10 **BLUEBELLA** T Lacey 4-10-5 **S Sheppard**

Probable SP: 6-4 Throne Hall, 9-4 Sir Tivo, 8 Dance At Night, 12 Shiyrvann.

3.00 —QUINNBET.COM NOVICES' HANDICAP CHASE (5) £10,400 added (£4,901) 3m (6)

1 7-31332 **CREMANT 22 (PT) (BF2)** N Mulholland 8-12-0 **S Twiston-Davies**
2 50-1232F **GETTHEPOT 1 (BF,PT)** F O'Brien 7-11-11 **K Woods**
3 348-426 **DICEY RIELLY 15 (T)** P Bowen 5-11-9 **J Bowen**
4 LL44P-P **FANTOMAS 128** N Twiston-Davies 6-11-6 **F Lambert (7)**
5 291-774 **BOLSOVER BILL 12 (P)** W Greatrex 5-11-3 **H Brooke**
6 636446 **LIL CODEY 26 (T)** B Barr 6-10-13 **A Cheleda (5)**

Probable SP: 2 Cremant, 3 Getthepot, 5 Dicey Rielly, 8 Bolsover Bill.

3.35 —QUINNBET NOVICES' HANDICAP HURDLE (5) £8,900 added (£4,466) 1m 7f 168yds (13)

1 07L5-4P **MARTALMIX'JAC 44** M Rowley 5-12-0 **A Edwards (3)**
2 9584L-L **CLEAN GETAWAY 133** P Kirby 5-12-0 **J Williamson (5)**
3 73-3 **SYR MAFFOS 122** T Lacey 4-12-0 **S Sheppard**
4 67683- **BRAVETHEWAVES 174 (T)** O Greenall & JGuerriero 5-11-13 **H Brooke**
5 8/8668-1 **DENABLE 49 (D)** A Carson 6-11-12 **B J Powell**
6 07/5 **BBOB ALULA 24 (T)** W G M Turner 7-11-10 **H Kimber (5)**
7 397-L32 **HENRI LE BON 53 (B)** Kerry Lee 7-11-10 **A Cheleda (5)**
8 P-6P711 **BELLE NA BANN (7Ibex) 8 (T)** N Mulholland 6-11-8 **T Scudamore**
9 6/860- **KEEP IT BRIEF F24 (PT)** R Phillips 5-11-7 **T Bellamy**
10 P9085-1 **BALIYAD 10 (T)** M Sheppard 7-11-7 **R Patrick**
11 0F-4L **LUNA DORA 113** T Symonds 5-10-5 **B Poste**
12 L8-LP05 **TORINO 12 (BT)** Oliver Greenall & Josh Guerriero 4-10-2 **T Wynne (7)**
13 L996-L **BRYANWOOD 86 (T)** B J Llewellyn 4-10-2 **Charlie Price (3)**

Probable SP: 9-4 Belle Na Bann, 3 Denable, 6 Henri Le Bon, 8 Baliyad.

ROBIN GOODFELLOW	GIMCRACK
1.50 Robeam	1.50 Dreamweaver
2.25 Throne Hall	2.25 Sir Tivo
3.00 Getthepot	3.00 Getthepot
3.35 Henri Le Bon	3.35 Denable
4.10 Judge Earle	4.10 Judge Earle
4.45 Pillar Of Steel	4.45 Addosh
5.17 Red Vision	5.17 Red Vision

4.10 —QUINNBET BEST ODDS GUARANTEED HANDICAP CHASE (3) £24,200 added (£12,417) 2m 6f 108yds (8)

1 2L2713 **RED HAPPY 13 (BT) (S)** D Pipe 5-12-0 **T Scudamore**
2 21F4-83 **THE GOLDEN REBEL 21 (BF) (S)** B Case 8-11-12 **H Bannister**
3 75L-F14 **TOPOFTHECOTSWOLDS 63 (S)** N Twiston-Davies 8-11-11 **NON RUNNER**
4 12135-3 **QUARTZ DU RHEU 83** Jonjo O'Neill 7-11-9 **Jonjo O'Neill Jr**
5 213111 **JUDGE EARLE (7Ibex) 6 (C&DC)** P Bowen 10-11-1 **S Bowen**
6 4-2F2L3 **SHETLAND BUS 29 (PT)** Dr R Newland 9-10-12 **L Edwards**
7 77LL-L6 **CANELO 90 (S)** B Haslam 9-10-10 **R McLernon**
8 47221-1 **KINONDO KWETU 44** S England 6-10-10 **J England**

Probable SP: 9-4 Kinondo Kwetu, 5-2 Judge Earle, 4 Red Happy, 10 Quartz Du Rheu, Shetland Bus, The Golden Rebel, 12 Canelo.

4.45 —QUINNBET QUARTERBACK MARES' HANDICAP HURDLE (4) £11,100 added (£5,664) 1m 7f 168yds (8)

1 24222-2 **FORTUNES MELODY 129 (T) (BF) (S)** H Fry 5-12-0 **B Bromley (7)**
2 FF13-31 **ADDOSH 85 (D2)** S Edmunds 4-12-0 **C Gethings**
3 40/234-6 **LAURA BULLION 79 (T) (D)** Deborah Cole 6-11-12 **C Ward (5)**
4 3-L222L **PILLAR OF STEEL 13 (P) (C&D2D3)** J Spearing 7-11-10 **Jamie Moore**
5 L/L1P48- **PROGRESSIVE F151 (D) (S)** N Henderson 5-11-9 **N De Boinville**
6 21L13L **LADY RESET 14 (PT) (D4)** D Pipe 6-11-5 **P Armson (5)**
7 3153-L2 **GALAH 8 (T) (S)** M Harris 4-10-11 **M Bastyan**
8 124315 **DURRAGH 26 (C&DD2) (S)** D McCain 5-10-5 **B Hughes**

Probable SP: 2 Addosh, 10-3 Fortunes Melody, 11-2 Lady Reset, 15-2 Pillar Of Steel, Progressive, 10 Durragh, Galah.

5.17 —CAZOO HANDICAP HURDLE (4) £9,300 added (£4,684) 2m 3f 207yds (11)

1 F112-P1 **TRANSLINK 27 (T) (D3) (S)** N Mulholland 7-12-0 **R McLernon**
2 4-25242 **MANOR PARK 14 (T) (C)** B Barr 7-12-0 **T Doggrell (7)**
3 4621-32 **KRYPTON GOLD 74** S Edmunds 4-11-9 **C Hammond**
4 2112-PL **EVERY BREAKIN WAVE 24 (PT)** Claire Hitch 12-11-9 **B Godfrey (3)**
5 52-1132 **PRESENTING PETE 20 (D2BF)** J Mackie 5-11-8 **P J Kavanagh (5)**
6 73115-2 **RED VISION 29 (T) (BF) (S)** D McCain 7-11-6 **B Hughes**
7 22143P- **JUST CALL ME AL 150 (T) (D2) (S)** G Boanas 9-11-6 **Sean Quinlan**
8 54436/2- **BUTTSBURY LADY 495 (BF)** N Henderson 7-11-3 **N De Boinville**
9 12UP3-2 **GEORGE BANCROFT F92 (P) (S)** C Longsdon 4-11-1 **Jonjo O'Neill Jr**
10 7P006- **DEV OF TARA 201 (T)** O Murphy 6-10-7 **W T Kennedy**
11 L7-6333 **SEABOROUGH 10 (S)** D Shaw 7-10-2 **J M Davies**

Probable SP: 9-2 Buttsbury Lady, 5 Presenting Pete, Translink, 13-2 Krypton Gold, Red Vision, 7 Manor Park, 12 George Bancroft, Just Call Me Al.

TRACK FACTS: PRINCIPAL MEETING. L-H course. GOING: Good. **Top jockey:** Sean Bowen. **Top trainer:** O Murphy. **Headgear first time:** 1.50 Gentleman Valley, 2.25 Three Platoon, 3.35 Keep It Brief, Torino, 4.10 Shetland Bus, 5.17 Dev Of Tara, Red Vision. **Longest travellers:** Milfolhas Has (2.25), Dicey Rielly (3.00), Judge Earle (4.10) 235 miles. **Drop in Class:** 1.50 Gentleman Valley is down 2 grades on last run (Class 3 to Class 5); 3.35 Bbob Alula (2). **First run since wind surgery:** 2.25 Sir Tivo, 5.17 George Bancroft.

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1.43 —APPRENTICE HANDICAP (5) £8,500 added (£4,266) 7f 219yds (10)

1 (6) 724 **OLD NEWS 11 (D2BF) (GS)** Mrs L Stubbs 5-10-1 **A Brookes (3)**
2 (1) 151 **SIMULATION THEORY (5Ibex) 6 (T) (CD) (GS)** D Carroll 4-9-11 **Z Wheatley**
3 (2) 045 **ZLATAN 34 (D4) (S)** E De Giles 9-9-9 **.. Laura Coughlan**
4 (7) 4L7 **COME ON JOHN 38 (D)** R Fell 3-9-7 **J Peate**
5 (5) L23 **RUSSIAN VIRTUE 40 (B)** R Menzies 5-9-6 **. O Lewis (5)**
6 (3) 793 **VIRGO 27 (P)** C Fellowes 4-9-6 **Mikkel Mortensen (7)**
7 (4) 179 **BY YOUR SIDE 16 (D2) (S)** E Dunlop 3-9-5 **A Farragher**
8 (9) 414 **ROYAL PROSPECT 6 (T) (CD3BF) (GS)** L Mullaney 7-9-4 **W Pyle (5)**
9 (8) 211 **BOLD TERRITORIES 25 (P)** M Dods 4-9-1 **.. Mark Winn (3)**
10 (10) 358 **STRIPZEE 14 (B) (CD) (G)** T Easterby 3-8-11 **.. B Wilkie (7)**

Probable SP: 7-2 Simulation Theory, 9-2 Bold Territories, 5 Royal Prospect, 13-2 Russian Virtue, Old News, 8 Virgo.

2.18 —RESTRICTED NOVICE STAKES (5) (2-Y-O) £7,500 added (£4,050) 5f (7)

1 (7) 3L4 **JAXTA 15** D O'Meara 9-11 **J Watson**
2 (5) 321 **THANKUAPPRECIATE 15** N Tinkler 9-11 **R Scott**
3 (1) 13 **LADY JANE GREY 35 (D)** R Guest 9-6 **R Dawson**
4 (3) 5L **BELSITO 13 (BF)** K Ryan 9-4 **K Stott**
5 (2) 73 **DARK CRUSADE 20** P Midgley 9-4 **G Lee**
6 (6) 0 **FORTUNATE STAR 19** D Carroll 9-4 **H Shaw**
7 (4) **ONCE ADAAY** Mrs I G-Leveque 9-4 **G Wood**

Probable SP: 13-8 Thankuappreciate, 7-2 Dark Crusade.

2.53 —NURSERY (4) (2-Y-O) £9,500 added (£4,806) 7f (9)

1 (9) 224 **HELLO DEIRA 11 (BF2)** Owen Burrows 9-9 **K Stott**
2 (4) 242 **PRINCE NABEEL 19 (BF2)** K R Burke 9-8 **C Lee**
3 (3) 513 **PRAIRIE FALCON 19 (D) (G)** M Dods 9-5 **T Eaves**
4 (2) 243 **INDIANA BE 32** E Bethell 9-4 **D Tudhope**
5 (7) 285 **LORD SAM'S CASTLE 20 (V)** I Jardine 9-3 **A Mullen**
6 (8) L24 **DOUBLE O 33 (G)** D Loughnane 9-3 **R Scott**
7 (1) 4L4 **WAR TREATY 19** K Ryan 9-2 **S Gray**
8 (6) 453 **NIGHTOUT 15** T Easterby 8-10 **D Allan**
9 (5) 804 **WHAT A DUDE 27 (T) (C&D) (G)** B Ellison 8-4 **K Schofield (5)**

Probable SP: 11-4 Hello Deira, 9-2 Prince Nabeel, 5 Indiana Be, 6 Prairie Falcon, 7 What A Dude, 10 Nightout.

3.28 —HANDICAP (4) £10,000 added (£5,076) 1m 2f 1yds (11)

1 (5) 7/14- **PILLAR OF HOPE 535 (BF)** C & M Johnston 4-10-4 **J Hart**
2 (1) 61L **COSMOS RAJ 15 (DBF) (GS)** D O'Meara 4-10-3 **J Watson**
3 (3) 231 **WESTERN STARS 78** E Dunlop 3-9-12 **B Curtis**
4 (7) 075 **SAGAUTEUR 14 (C&DD2)** D O'Meara 6-9-11 **D Tudhope**
5 (9) 145 **RICH KING 37 (D)** E Bethell 3-9-9 **K Stott**
6 (6) 68L **BENADALID 43 (D4) (GS)** C Fairhurst 7-9-8 **.. J Garritty**
7 (2) 346 **FORGIVABLE 9 (C&D) (G)** T Easterby 3-9-6 **D Allan**
8 (10) 610 **SHINE ON BRENDAN 6 (BF) (S)** J Goldie 5-9-5 **P Mulrennan**
9 (8) 624 **POSITIVE FORCE 30** K Ryan 3-9-4 **T Eaves**
10 (11) 106 **UNPLUGGED 27 (D) (G)** M & D Easterby 6-9-3 **.. S Gray**
11 (4) 813- **CONTRAST 420 (D4BF) (GS)** M & D Easterby 8-8-11 **Joanna Mason**

Probable SP: 5-2 Western Stars, 11-2 Shine On Brendan, 13-2 Pillar Of Hope, 7 Rich King, 8 Forgivable.

TRACK FACTS: L-H course. GOING: Good to soft-good in places. **STALLS:** Straight centre; round inside. **DRAW ADVANTAGE:** Low 1m 2f. **Top jockey:** Daniel Tudhope. **Top trainer:** T Easterby. **Placed in the race last year:** 4.03 Runninwild (3rd). **Headgear first time:** 4.03 Mythical Molly, 4.38 It Is Now, Lady Pascha, Noteable. **Longest traveller:** Hello Deira (2.53) 257 miles. **Drop in Class:** 4.03 Jordan Electrics is down 2 grades on last run (Class 2 to 4). **First run since wind surgery:** None today.

ROBIN GOODFELLOW	GIMCRACK
1.43 Simulation Theory	1.43 Simulation Theory
2.18 Thankuappreciate	2.18 Lady Jane Grey
2.53 Hello Deira	2.53 Prince Nabeel
3.28 Western Stars	3.28 WESTERN STARS (nap)
4.03 Runninwild (nb)	4.03 Milbanke
4.38 Proclivity	4.38 Fanciful
5.10 Jamih	5.10 Desert Quest

NEWMARKET – 3.28 WESTERN STARS (nap).
NORTHERNER – 4.03 Runninwild (nb);
5.10 OH SO CHIC (nap).

4.03 —HANDICAP (4) £10,000 added (£5,076) 5f 217yds (16)

1 (5) 684 **OSO RAPIDO 14 (CD3) (G)** R Fell 5-9-13 **B Curtis**
2 (7) 021 **RUNNINWILD 18 (C&DD2)** Mrs A Duffield 4-9-13 **P Hanagan**
3 (13) 010 **MUSCIKA 53 (V) (D10) (GS)** D O'Meara 8-9-10 **J Watson**
4 (10) 560 **WENTWORTH FALLS 66 (P) (C&DD5) (G)** G Harker 10-9-9 **C Beasley**
5 (12) 05L **UNCLE JUMBO 115 (P) (D)** Steph Hollinshead 4-9-9 **D Allan**
6 (16) 732 **AS IF BY CHANCE 17 (V) (C&DD2BF) (G)** N Tinkler 4-9-9 **R Scott**
7 (15) 894 **JORDAN ELECTRICS 11 (D5) (G)** Ewan Whillans 6-9-9 **T Eaves**
8 (6) 121 **IT JUST TAKES TIME 17 (C&DD) (GS)** M Walford 4-9-8 **J Garritty**
9 (2) 925 **FOX HILL 11 (P) (C&DCD3) (GS)** E Alston 6-9-6 **J Hart**
10 (11) 15-6 **MILBANKE 19 (C&D)** K R Burke 3-9-6 **C Lee**
11 (8) 579 **BEN MACDUI 14 (P) (D)** K Ryan 4-9-4 **K Stott**
12 (1) 446 **BOND POWER 19 (G)** B Smart 3-9-4 **P Mulrennan**
13 (3) 810 **IMPELLER 17 (PT) (D3) (G)** T Easterby 4-9-3 **D Fentiman**
14 (9) 120 **THE ARMED MAN 91 (C&D2D8) (GS)** C Fairhurst 9-9-1 **Paula Muir (3)**
15 (4) 6-40 **MYTHICAL MOLLY 12 (V) (S)** B Ellison 3-8-13 **B Robinson**
16 (14) 1L-0 **DISCOMATIC 16 (G)** P Midgley 4-8-13 **G Lee**

Probable SP: 5 As If By Chance, 11-2 Runninwild, 6 It Just Takes Time, 8 Oso Rapido, 10 Fox Hill, Milbanke.

4.38 —NOVICE STAKES (5) £7,500 added (£4,050) 5f (7)

1 (3) 799 **IT IS NOW 11 (B)** R Varian 3-9-7 **R Dawson**
2 (7) 5 **LACONIC 15 (BF)** D O'Meara 3-9-7 **D Tudhope**
3 (2) **FANCIFUL** W Haggas 3-9-2 **S Donohoe**
4 (1) **LADY PASCHA (T)** D Carroll 3-9-2 **H Shaw**
5 (4) 22L **NO GUTS NO GLORY 32** Adrian Nicholls 3-9-2 **NON RUNNER**
6 (6) 432 **NOTEABLE 24 (P)** Craig Lidster 3-9-2 **P Mathers**
7 (5) 452 **PROCLIVITY 1 (BF)** M Dods 3-9-2 **C Beasley**

Probable SP: 15-8 Fanciful, 4 Proclivity, 9-2 It Is Now, 11-2 Noteable, 6 Laconic, 8 Lady Pascha.

5.10 —HANDICAP (6) £7,000 added (£3,456) 1m 5f 218yds (12)

1 (6) 611 **DESERT QUEST 38 (C&DD) (G)** Ewan Whillans 4-10-3 **A Brookes (5)**
2 (10) 221 **JAMIH 32 (P) (G)** Miss T Jackson 7-9-13 **Joanna Mason**
3 (5) 454 **MARCELLO SI 40** M Dods 4-9-11 **C Beasley**
4 (8) 437 **TROJAN TRUTH 25** E De Giles 3-9-9 **... Laura Coughlan (5)**
5 (4) 126 **VERTICE 11** D Thompson 5-9-8 **C Lee**
6 (2) 124 **HIDDEN PEARL 22 (DBF) (G)** J Berry 6-9-6 **NON RUNNER**
7 (7) 241 **OH SO CHIC 14 (P) (D) (G)** E Bethell 5-9-6 **K Stott**
8 (3) 0-86 **WOLF OF OXSHOTT 120** Joseph Parr 3-9-5 **. J Watson**
9 (12) 234 **PURPLE REIGN 14 (P) (BF3)** E Dunlop 3-9-4 **.. B Curtis**
10 (1) 273 **CITY VAULTS 15 (BF3)** D O'Meara 3-9-4 **..... D Tudhope**
11 (9) L-22 **HERESMAX 40** M Hammond 4-9-3 **G Lee**
12 (11) 65L **ROBIN GOODFELLOW 8** T Waggott 3-8-7 **. JP Sullivan**

Probable SP: 4 Oh So Chic, 9-2 Jamih, 5 Desert Quest, 6 Heresmax, 7 Purple Reign, 8 City Vaults.

2 to 4). **First run since wind surgery:** None today.

WOLVERHAMPTON SSR

5.25 —HANDICAP (6) £7,500 added (£3,726) 1m 142yds (13)

1 (4) 355 **HOT DAY 25 (P) (C&D)** J S Moore 4-9-12 **C Hutchinson (5)**
2 (8) 384 **DISTINCTION 22** J Mackie 4-9-11 **C Murtagh**
3 (12) 6L6 **WHATWOULDYOUKNOW 16 (C&D6D2)** N Tinkler 7-9-10 **R Kingscote**
4 (13) 232 **HARBOUR VISION 10 (V)** S Dixon 7-9-10 **K O'Neill**
5 (7) 563 **SALONICA 13** G Boughey 3-9-7 **D Probert**
6 (2) 6LL **MARQUIS OF YORK 19 (P)** R Fahey 3-9-7 **Oisin Orr**
7 (5) 534 **POINT LOUISE 19 (C&D)** H Dunlop 4-9-7 **S Osborne (3)**
8 (10) L55 **PACINO 15 (C)** P Morris 6-9-6 **L Keniry**
9 (1) 639 **SILVERDALE 52** J Portman 3-9-6 **R Hornby**
10 (3) 989 **KODEBREAKER 19** K Ryan 3-9-5 **.... O McSweeney (5)**
11 (6) 440 **INEXPLICABLE 15 (TV) (C&D3C)** A Balding 5-9-3 **C Hardie**
12 (9) 083 **LADY ZIANA 34 (HP)** D Brown 4-9-2 **..... H Davies (3)**
13 (11) 520 **HULTON RANGER 19 (V)** M Walford 3-8-11 **T Heard (3)**

Probable SP: 9-2 Salonica, 5 Harbour Vision, 11-2 Point Louise, 15-2 Distinction, Inexplicable, Whatwouldyouknow.

6.00 —MAIDEN STAKES (5) (2-Y-O) £6,800 added (£3,672) 1m 142yds (11)

1 (10) L9 **ANGEL'S VOICE 11** E Dunlop 9-7 **C Bishop**
2 (9) 9 **ANGEL OF ANTRIM 13** A Stronge 9-7 **G Bass (3)**
3 (8) 25 **BAND OF STEEL 7** S P C Woods 9-7 **H Davies (3)

He's world No1 and US Open champ at 19 but his coach says...

Alcaraz will get better!



MIKE DICKSON
Tennis Correspondent in New York

THE former world No1 who has guided Carlos Alcaraz to the same place says there are two men set to upturn tennis' established order.

In the wake of the US Open final, Juan Carlos Ferrero cited his player and 21-year-old Italian Jannik Sinner as the coming forces in the men's game who will stand above others.

That is based on the two of them having faced off both in New York and at Wimbledon in compelling tussles.

'I said to someone that Sinner and Carlos could dominate the tour for the next 10 years,' reflected Ferrero.

'There are others like Alex Zverev, Dominic Thiem, Casper Ruud, Stefanos Tsitsipas. They're going to have chances to win Slams, for sure. But with respect, that's what I think.'

Worryingly for rivals, Ferrero says Alcaraz is still way short of his potential: 'As I tell him, he's on 60 per cent of his game. He can improve a lot.

'Once you get to No 1, it's not done. Opponents will be very motivated against him. It's like Real Madrid-Barcelona, there's a rivalry that gets you to increase your level.'

Ferrero is a former French Open champion and has spent the last four years dedicating himself to developing Alcaraz, whose rise this season has not come as a shock to him. 'It's a surprise for everybody except me because I trained with him every day. He arrived at the academy when he was 15, he was like spaghetti — very thin.'

Meanwhile, Emma Raducanu won in the Slovenia Open, beating Dayana Yastremska 6-2, 5-3 in the first round, with the Ukrainian retiring hurt when just two points from defeat.

WHY CARLOS IS HEIR TO RAFA'S CROWN

By MIKE DICKSON

AFTER beginning the season ranked No 32, Carlos Alcaraz has surged to become the youngest-ever world No 1 after winning the US Open. Here, we look at the attributes that make the teenager a generational talent who looks set to disrupt the dominance of compatriot Rafael Nadal and Novak Djokovic.



SERVE

NOT a blockbuster but it is something that has steadily improved. Used changes of direction skilfully against the deep-lying Ruud in the final.

GROUNDSTROKES

CAN hit spectacular winners from anywhere, especially on the forehand. He likes to run around his backhand to hit with his forehand. Can be inconsistent but he goes for strokes so aggressively, there are bound to be mistakes.

RETURNS

LIKE his serve, it is another area where there's room for improvement, but already pretty formidable. He has a superb eye and incredible agility.

VOLLEY

A POINT of difference with many young players, Alcaraz is comfortable at the net and happy to volley under pressure. Against Ruud he serve-and-volleyed 21 times, and won 34 points from the 45 occasions he was at the net.

TEMPERAMENT AND TACTICS

ALCARAZ shows remarkable poise and in the pivotal tiebreak was not afraid to hit out. His shot selection is not perfect but he possesses so many weapons in his armoury, including a brilliant drop shot delivered with fantastic hand-eye co-ordination, leaving rivals wrongfooted.

STAMINA

HIS recovery from gruelling five-set matches has raised a few eyebrows, although he did appear tired and there for the taking in the third set of the final. He is stocky and strong, as are other family members. Alcaraz had well-known doctor Angel Ruiz Cotorro, who also works with Nadal, in his box — as well as his personal medic — and will have had mandatory drug testing after the final.

SPEED

JOHN McENROE described Alcaraz as one of the quickest players around the court he had ever seen: 'An absolute speed demon.' Ruud likewise pointed out that his court coverage makes him a difficult nut to crack. 'It makes us other players feel like you need to paint the lines to be able to hit a winner. Sometimes even that's not enough.'

LIV players made their bed, now lie in it

Riath Al-Samarrai — WORLD OF GOLF



OF ALL the doubts around Patrick Reed, and there are a few, he got one thing right aside from his golf on Sunday.

He was chatting with a few of us after his 63 briefly gave him the clubhouse lead at the Wentworth headquarters of a Tour that has not taken so kindly to his new place of business. The question was how the golfing world might react if one of the LIV bunch, himself included, won a DP World Tour event, such as the BMW PGA Championship that was playing out behind us.

After a brief moment of thought, the American answered: 'I'm sure there would be some kind of media s*** storm, is the easiest way to put it.'

You can't fault his read of that green, it must be said. And yet the rest of his answer flirted closer to that place between wishful thinking and fantasy that has dominated so many discussions with golfers who joined LIV.

'It would be no difference if it was last year and guys were playing the PGA Tour, would it?' he added. 'I mean, at the end of the day, really, if you took everything away, all the hoopla, it would be just another top player coming over and winning a golf tournament, whether it's PGA Tour, LIV or the European Tour. There's no big media frenzy when a European comes over and wins on the PGA Tour, and when Billy (Horschel, an American with less prior involvement in European events than Reed) won here in 2021, it felt like the same as if a normal player won from over here. I don't think there should be anything different.'

Except removing the 'hoopla' from this context is not wildly dissimilar to, say, removing the bonesaw from discussions around Saudi Arabia.

The point on the far lesser matter of golf's trashed garden is that you can't have the conversation without the background noise. And that's because this isn't last year — the script has changed and so has the game.

A quick recall of interviews from this time last season, after Horschel's win, is quite instructive on that front. They include the following talking points: did Horschel have more fans over here because he likes West Ham? Does he understand cricket? Was he waiting by the phone in case Brooks Koepka's knee injury cleared a Ryder Cup spot. A more wholesome time, you might say.

This year? Shane Lowry, a winner greeted with silent jubilation by Tour staff, declared his victory 'one for the good guys'. Days earlier he spoke of 'certain guys I just can't stand being here', alongside damning comments from Jon Rahm, Horschel and Rory McIlroy, who spoke of broken relationships.

On the other side of the fence, Graeme McDowell, an LIV player these days, shared the second-guessing within his own mind about he might now be viewed.

So, to overlook the 'hoopla' is to overlook golf's toxic sludge ever since Reed's new paymasters' hostile takeover attempt.

Those who made the switch were entitled to cash in and they have been vindicated on some of their political gripes by reforms brought in response by the PGA Tour.

When those players call for a compromise between the Tours, they are probably correct on that front, too.

But against those caveats, the defectors need to take responsibility for the fear and loathing they enabled. Without them there would be no fire, and to think those left behind in the burning building might turn a blind eye indicates a case of far more money than sense.

■ **THE worry for the DP World Tour was surely that one of 17 LIV players in the field might win at their flagship event, and in Reed and Talor Gooch there were two rebels in the top five. With only five of the lower key LIV players competing against Rory McIlroy at the Italian Open this week, Tour bosses are breathing a little easier.**

■ **RORY McILROY felt he 'stole' the PGA Tour Championship a fortnight ago. He was good value for his win at East Lake but a cleaner take on the season's best golfer came from the 2022 PGA Tour player of the year vote, which went to Scottie Scheffler. With four wins, including the Masters, he has been the standout player.**

DAILY MAIL FOURSOMES

Cresswell goes hunting for Moor

ANDY CRESSWELL and Neil Thompson want to put Moor Hall's name on the Daily Mail Foursomes trophy for the second time after booking their spot in the grand finals. In 2006 John-Paul Banbury and Robert Bardsley won the title for their West Midlands club and now Cresswell and Thompson hope to follow in their footsteps after battling through seven knock-out rounds. Just 16 male and female pairs will compete at Marriott St Pierre in Chepstow next month. 'We're going trophy hunting for sure,' said Cresswell, 52. 'This is the pinnacle of my golfing career. It's a national tournament. We're very proud of what we've done. I was like a kid at Christmas.' He joked: 'I just imagine next will be the LIV tour.'

CARA SLOMAN

Ecuador could face World Cup boot as star 'admits false ID'

Recording appears to reveal Castillo saying he's really from Colombia



EXCLUSIVE by MATT HUGHES
Chief Sports Reporter

ECUADOR could face being kicked out of the World Cup after *Sportsmail* obtained new audio evidence which appears to contain a shocking admission from one of their players of using a false birth certificate.

The admission by Byron Castillo was made in an official investigation by the Ecuador Football Federation (FEF) that was then allegedly covered up.

The revelation comes days before FIFA's appeals commission are due to rule on the matter and could alter the identity of Qatar's opponents in the first game of the World Cup — and who England will face in the last 16. Chile hope to replace Ecuador in the event they are docked qualifying points.

An extraordinary story involving alleged fake identities centres on whether Castillo, a right back who made eight appearances in World Cup qualifying, was born in Ecuador or Colombia.

In a new piece of evidence that will send shockwaves through South American football and create a major headache for FIFA, *Sportsmail* today reveals an audio recording of an interview Castillo gave to investigators four years ago, in which he:

- Clearly states he was born in 1995 as opposed to the 1998 date given on his Ecuadorian birth certificate;
- Gives his full name as Bayron Javier Castillo Segura, matching the details of his Colombian birth certificate, rather than the name on the Ecuador certificate, Byron David Castillo Segura;
- Describes in detail leaving the Colombian city of Tumaco for San Lorenzo in Ecuador to pursue a career in football;
- Names an Ecuadorian businessman who provided him with a new identity.

The recording reportedly comes from a formal interview conducted by the head of the FEF's investigative commission with Castillo in 2018. *Sportsmail* has also seen a letter outlining the conclusions of the investigative commission, which were delivered to the FEF's president and disciplinary commission in December 2018.

The letter states that Castillo is a Colombian national who was born in Tumaco in 1995, as well as attaching relevant documents and audio. Despite this, the FEF officially ruled that Castillo was an Ecuadorian citizen in 2019. It's understood their position remains that he was born in Ecuador.

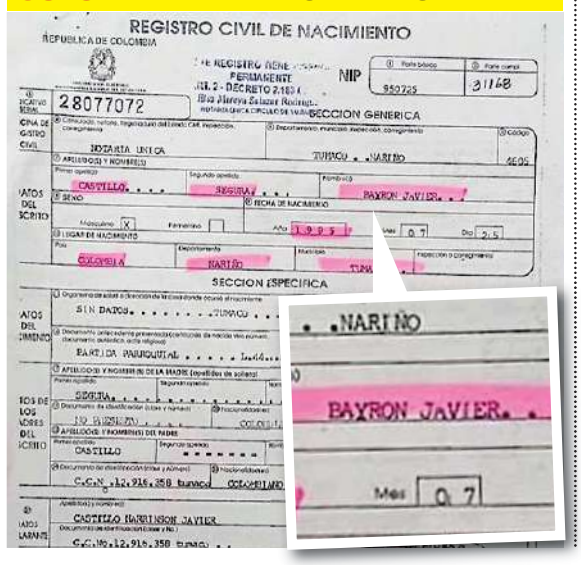
FIFA, who are due to give their verdict on the case on Thursday, have been investigating Castillo since April when they received an complaint from the Chilean FA, who claimed that he was ineligible to represent Ecuador as he is a Colombian citizen who entered Ecuador as an illegal immigrant.

Qatar are due to play Ecuador on November 20 so removing them from the World Cup at this late stage would be a major embarrassment for FIFA, who in June dismissed Chile's complaint with a ruling that Castillo was born in Ecuador. The recording was not presented in the June hearing.

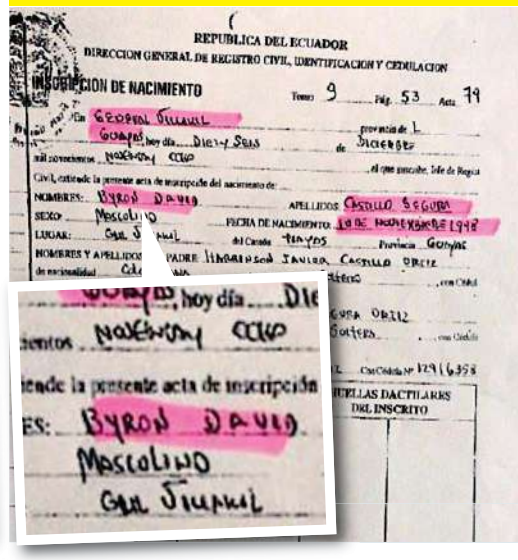


Controversy: Castillo helps Ecuador qualify for Qatar AFP

COLOMBIAN BIRTH CERTIFICATE



ECUADORIAN BIRTH CERTIFICATE



Discrepancies: the Colombian document names Bayron Javier Castillo Segura, born in 1995, and matches the recording of Castillo, while Ecuador's version calls him Byron David, born in 1998

The date of birth on the Colombian certificate is July 25, 1995 and the Ecuadorian certificate it is November 10, 1998. Doubts over Castillo's identity emerged in 2015 when his proposed transfer from Norte America to fellow Ecuadorian club Emelec collapsed due to 'irregularities' in his documentation.

In 2018 Norte America were suspended by the FEF after being found guilty of sponsoring and benefitting from players' falsified documents, which led the FEF to set up an independent investigative commission to examine the issue of fake passports being used in clubs across the country.

The interview with Castillo in which he appears to admit that his documents are fake took place in Ecuador in December 2018. He is asked by the investigator, 'When exactly were you born?' to which he replies, 'In '95.' The investigator's next questions is, 'And which year does the ID have?' and the response is, '98'.

Castillo is then asked, 'What are your real names?' to which he answers, 'Bayron Javier Castillo Segura'. Castillo goes on to describe leaving his home in Tumaco for San Lorenzo, which is located 50 miles over the border in Ecuador.

'I crossed the border because teams from Tumaco play in San Lorenzo,' Castillo says. 'I went to do some trials in San Lorenzo. I never got picked for any of the teams at those trials, but my friend who was picked never turned up so I went instead.

'I went home, told my parents that I have to go, but we didn't have any money. And I started crying. So my Dad said maybe another time. My mum was worried, she didn't want to do this to me. I was worried. (Then) my Dad left around seven, he came back at 11 or 12, with money, 20,000 Colombian pesos. With that I travelled to San Lorenzo.

'I arrived and I didn't know how to fix things. They said we are going to help you. I needed help. I came here because I wanted to help my family. I arrived and started playing without any problem, oblivious. And just now I see all the problems come up.'

The recording will put pressure on FIFA to take action, as well as raising questions for the FEF, who appear to have ignored the findings of their own investigation. Castillo has never addressed the issue of his nationality, but has been asked to appear via video link by FIFA to answer their questions. It is not known whether he intends to attend.

In addition to Castillo's birth date admission and move to San Lorenzo, there is documentary evidence which indicates he was born in Colombia.

Chile's FA have obtained a baptism certificate from Tumaco in the name Bayron Javier Castillo Segura, but one does not exist in the name of Byron David Castillo Segura. The birth certificate of Colombia has been validated by the birth registry and ministry for foreign relations, but the birth certificate of Ecuador was not recognised by the country's civil register.

In addition, the signature of his father Harrinson Jose Castillo in the Ecuadorian document does not correspond to the signature in the Colombian document. In 2018 a report from the General Director of the Civil Register in Ecuador declared that Castillo's Ecuadorian birth certificate did not exist in its internal records, and concluded it was false.

Chile are hoping to replace Ecuador if they are thrown out of the World Cup, as Castillo played against them in two qualifying games from which they took just one point.

If FIFA follow recent precedent by awarding two 3-0 victories in the event of their complaint against Ecuador being upheld, Chile would move up from seventh to fourth in the South American qualifying competition ahead of Peru on goal difference, which would see them earn a place in Qatar. Peru are the other potential beneficiaries if Ecuador are simply expelled with all their matches forfeited, as they finished fifth in the table.

It is also possible that Italy could be given a back-door route to the World Cup if Ecuador are expelled, as they are the highest-ranked team who did not qualify.

In 2016 Bolivia were stripped of four World Cup points for fielding an ineligible defender Nelson Cabrera, who had previously represented Paraguay, with Chile and Peru both awarded 3-0 victories as a result. FIFA and FEF declined to comment.

SCAN THE CODE TO LISTEN TO THE AUDIO

Worcester insist show will go on after 'agreeing takeover deal'



Warrior spirit: head of rugby Diamond

By CHRIS FOY

WORCESTER'S owners last night agreed terms for the sale of the financially stricken club, subject to legal confirmation.

Staff were informed by managing director Peter Kelly that final terms on the deal were being ironed out and an internal update would follow. It remains unclear whether the sale would lead to the departure of co-owners Colin Goldring and Jason Whittingham, or whether the investment would allow for them to stay at Sixways.

In an email seen by *Sportsmail*, Kelly explains that after a 'productive day', the sale had been agreed in principle with an unknown 'interested party'.

It is understood that the buyers are not the consortium fronted by former chief executive Jim O'Toole, which had been prepared to take control of the Warriors subject to the club being placed into administration to help reduce debts of nearly £30million.

Crucially, it appears that funds are in place, ready for immediate investment to ease Worcester's plight. Kelly's email added: 'The buyers have agreed to deposit a substantial amount of money in our account which will cover all wages owed and the funds enabling the games to go ahead at the weekend.'

Steve Diamond's Warriors are due to take on Exeter at Sixways on Sunday, but the match-day costs involved in staging a game had left the fixture in doubt. Once the deal has been ratified and precise details have been revealed, it will clarify the likelihood of a true Worcester revival.

It has emerged in recent weeks that the playing squad and staff have lost all faith in Goldring and Whittingham, making it doubtful whether any hierarchy involving them could be expected to prosper in the mid-to-long-term.

Most members of staff are still owed 35 per cent of their August wages and, as of late last week, some of them had not been paid whatsoever.

Events developed in a hurry yesterday evening, after a day of furious activity behind the scenes. Local MPs are understood to have held meetings with the co-owners, as well as holding talks with the Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport in relation to their calls for administration, as an urgent, drastic step needed to save the club.

FORMER Wales backrow Alix Popham has called for rugby players to be given annual pre-season brain scans.

Popham, who has early-onset dementia and is one of more than 200 ex-pros involved in a lawsuit against the sport, said: 'The brain is ignored, it's shocking. I believe there should be an annual MOT for each player. It should include a brain scan — players shouldn't get a licence to play until it's passed.'

EUBANK BID TO CANCEL FIGHT

BOXING

By DANIEL MATTHEWS

CHRIS EUBANK SNR has vowed to scupper his son's fight with Conor Benn over the 157lb catchweight, insisting: 'His life cannot be put in danger. I've lost one son, I can't lose another.'

Chris Eubank Jnr and Benn are due to meet at London's O2 Arena on October 8, reigniting a family feud three decades after their fathers fought.

Sources insist the fight will go ahead as only the boxer can withdraw.

But on a video call involving Nigel and Conor Benn, Senior — whose son Sebastian died last year aged 29 — told *Sportsmail* he would not allow Junior to fight below the 160lb middleweight limit.

The 56-year-old said he could take legal action, adding: 'If they're not going to listen to me, then they'll have to listen to my King's Counsel. That fight does not happen.'

Eubank Snr (below) even said he had pulled Junior from the bout, a claim denied by fight sources.



'If he doesn't take the advice then I have to put my foot down — have you ever heard of Russian Roulette?' Eubank said. 'This is modern day gladiating, not a play thing for the audience. We have to be strict. My son's life cannot be put in danger. I've lost one, it can't happen again.'

The drama surprised the Benns, with Nigel insisting: 'The weight was agreed.' Conor wrote on social media last night: 'Just sparred 10 rounds, while someone's having daddy issues.'

Albon on ventilator after surgery

FORMULA ONE

ALEX ALBON suffered respiratory failure and was transferred to intensive care and put on a ventilator following complications from appendix surgery.

London-born Albon, who races under the Thai flag, took part in Friday's practice at Monza but was taken to a nearby hospital with appendicitis on Saturday morning, missing the Italian Grand Prix.

The 26-year-old Williams driver came off the ventilator on Sunday and is expected to be discharged today. Williams said Albon's 'full focus is on recovery and preparation' for the Singapore Grand Prix on October 2.

Albon spent last year on the sidelines after he was dropped by Red Bull. But he has impressed since joining Williams, scoring his first point for the British team at the Australian Grand Prix in April, with two further top-10 finishes in Miami and Belgium.

DAVID KENT

MARTIN SAMUEL

CHIEF SPORTS WRITER



Why Liverpool fans will not sully minute's silence for Her Majesty

WHEN the announcement of the Queen's death came on Thursday evening, for some time there was no reaction from Liverpool Football Club.

As often happens these days, into that void poured opinions, emotions and outlandish conspiracy theories. Nothing is just let be any more.

Liverpool made no comment, it was speculated, because the club was terrified of upsetting its fans, who hate the monarchy. Then, at 8.10pm, a photograph of the Queen handing the trophy to Liverpool captain Ron Yeats at the 1965 FA Cup final appeared with the message: 'Liverpool Football Club is saddened by the passing of Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II. We extend our sincere condolences to The Royal Family.'

Simple, respectful and entirely appropriate. So what happened in the intervening time?

Liverpool obeyed protocol and process. The club made no comment because there is a directive, part of Operation London Bridge, reminding that the correct procedure is for no official statements to be made until after the Prime Minister has spoken. Liz Truss appeared outside Downing Street roughly one hour after the news broke and Liverpool waited a respectful short while after that.

Not all football clubs and institutions did. Some ignored instructions. That is their decision. Yet Liverpool is a club where processes around

FOOTBALL CAUGHT BY SURPRISE

MAYBE now football sees its error in postponing the schedule, with some marquee fixtures under threat this weekend, too.

By making the game expendable it is left open to outside pressure. Fixtures at Chelsea and Manchester United have now fallen.

Yet the Queen was 96. Her passing was not unanticipated.

It is not unthinkable that amid Operation London Bridge football could have come up with a direct plan of action to be implemented with minimal need for meetings and discussion.

It could even have been run past the Government and the Palace for approval.

Instead, it was caught by surprise.

JUST NOT CRICKET TO CONJURE A RESULT

STRANGE that there are those who attend sport, love sport, yet still don't appreciate that sport has rules. Yes, it was hugely inconvenient and disappointing that England were not allowed to beat South Africa on Sunday night, and to fall 33 runs short while scoring at a rate of 5.7 per over upset many. Another six overs would have done it.

Yet the umpires took a reading before coming off for bad light on Saturday, and that then stands as the mark for the rest of the Test. Imagine if they had played on, England had won, and then it had rained all day yesterday. South Africa would, rightly, have said they were denied a drawn Test and therefore a drawn series.

Nobody could know, for certain, that there would be play on the final day. South Africa had to be given their chance to get lucky.

It is not for the umpires to manufacture a result.

That is what happened at the Abu Dhabi Grand Prix last year and it cost Lewis Hamilton his record-breaking eighth drivers' championship. On Sunday, Max Verstappen won in Monza behind a safety car to the fury of all, with Hamilton wondering why last season's finale was the first and only time F1 has veered from its rules.

He has a point. All sides sign up to a set of protocols before the start and it cannot just be that these get randomly altered to manufacture a spectacle.

What happened at the Oval wasn't crowd pleasing; but it was most certainly sporting.

Rotter Sergio rubs salt in the wounds



Waste of a space: Garcia at Wentworth before his withdrawal AFP

Blatant: Garcia and wife Angela Atkins Garcia INSTAGRAM

WHAT a complete rotter, Sergio Garcia. The most boastful, if not the biggest, of the LIV Golf team, he took up a place at the PGA Championship at Wentworth and then withdrew on Thursday without explanation. By Saturday he was photographed grinning at the college football match between Alabama Crimson Tide and Texas Longhorns. His place could have gone to a more deserving PGA Tour player who would have stayed the distance. No wonder the rebels are unpopular.

mourning, remembrance and commemoration matter. It knows how to behave in the right way in the darkest times. Liverpool, more often than not, get it right.

So tonight, UEFA permitting, there will be a minute's silence before the Champions League match with Ajax and it will no doubt be impeccably observed.

The suggestion that football was postponed at the weekend because Anfield could not be trusted to behave appropriately is an insult to the club and its supporters.

The booing of the national anthem during two Wembley finals last year was a commentary on the state, not the monarch.

Liverpool feels left behind. The city feels a sense of grievance over not just the cover-up that followed Hillsborough, but many and varied socio-economic factors. It blames successive governments. God Save The Queen, as it was, is a symbol of our nation state.

If Liverpool get to Wembley this season, the anthem will probably be booed by a section of the crowd again and some will think that very wrong, but the anthem is different to a minute of remembrance. There is no history of Liverpool supporters targeting the Queen personally, far less of them sullying a moment such as this.

There has never been a question of the club failing to hold a minute's silence to mark her death at its first home game and no question of it moving away from proper observance into the unconventional or non-committal.

Nobody is interpreting this through the medium of jazz dance. The fans may feel Scouse not English, but Liverpool will do what needs to be done, what has to be done, as will every football club.

Football has been criticised for postponing its fixtures last weekend and, looking at the poignant ceremonies that took place at The Oval and Doncaster racecourse, it does seem an opportunity missed.

Equally, it can be argued that no sport is as big as football and in no other industry does the slightest mis-step have such ferocious and public ramifications.

So football feared causing offence by playing on and went early, believing other sports would follow suit. When they didn't, it was left exposed.

Yet those who make judgment calls at Liverpool will confirm the complexities of grave situations. Last month, after nine-year-old Olivia Pratt-Korbel was murdered in Dovecot, to the east of the city, the club drew criticism for not holding a pre-match minute of silence, or remembrance.

THE explanation for its stance on tragic, luckless Olivia was straightforward — Liverpool had not been asked to. Had the family requested, it would have been done.

Yet Liverpool would not presume to insert the club into a bereavement, or to intrude by contacting the family unsolicited. It isn't about them. So it is hard to judge right and wrong from the outside.

Back to tonight and what affords the certainty that the proper mood will be struck? Past experience.

On February 10, 2008, Manchester United commemorated the 50th anniversary of the Munich air disaster and some firestarter at the Premier League scheduled the visit of Manchester City for that weekend.

The preceding week was consumed by dread, the fear that City supporters would defile a solemn occasion for their rivals. All week, messages were sent and reinforced in the hope of preventing a disrespectful and unforgivable pandemonium.

Yet on the day, nothing. City supporters held up blue and white scarves to compliment their hosts' red and white. A pin drop would have echoed around Old Trafford, such was the reverential quiet.

And then, when the match began, City treated United with no respect whatsoever — just how it should be — and won 2-1. Some observers felt United had almost been declawed by the courtesy and consideration shown before the game.

Forward to earlier this year when Liverpool played Manchester United at Anfield the day after it was announced that Cristiano Ronaldo and wife Georgina had lost their newborn son. Ronaldo did not play but, in the seventh minute, Liverpool supporters began applauding to show solidarity with the player and his family at such a sad time.

There is no less popular club with Liverpool supporters than Manchester United and few less popular players than Ronaldo. Yet that was put aside in a collective show of empathy and humanity. And this is the crowd that is going to ruin a minute's silence for Queen Elizabeth II?

Largely, football supporters get it. Away from the banter and the blinkers, most people who attend football realise when a moment is too important for tribal rivalries or wider emotions to encroach.

They know this at Liverpool most of all because a vicious circle of vile disrespect has been allowed to taint commemorations of the dead of Hillsborough and Munich.

It hardly matters who started it — both sides will blame each other — but songs about Liverpool's supposed victim mentality and gestures signifying a plane crash are common whenever the Manchester United fixture is played.

It is unedifying, upsetting — and if the minute's silence was tarnished tonight it would further risk pariah status. And who wants that?

No one likes us, we don't care, became a rallying cry at Millwall, but is it really true?

Every club seeks appreciation, respect, if not love, from neutral observers. Imagine the horrible vortex of abuse between Manchester United and Liverpool replicated at every ground? What purpose would it serve?

AND, yes, there's 50,000 people in the stadium. It is hard to vouch for the common sense, empathy and sobriety of them all.

At the Theatre Royal, Bath, on Friday, during the minute's silence it was possible to observe four people in the stalls who remained seated.

One of them was also the loudest and most demonstrative audience member when the production concluded, so maybe she just liked being noticed. The point is, it didn't reflect on the theatre that a handful did not stand. It's a free country and they weren't disruptive.

There are times, though, when if you can't say anything nice, best not say anything at all, and one of those times is now.

It is why there has been such a backlash against the likes of Trevor Sinclair and Jedward. Not because there can never be discussions about colonialism or abolition — both are valid topics, whatever your view — but because when the much-loved Queen has just died, people are not in the mood for a poorly-considered hot take on Twitter.

It is possible to be a republican and respect duty, responsibility and service, or to respect the feelings of others, or that a family, no matter their status, has just lost its matriarch. That is what many Labour MPs who are not monarchists have been doing.

'My thoughts are with the Queen's family as they come to terms with their personal loss, as well as those here and around the world who will mourn her death,' wrote Jeremy Corbyn. 'I enjoyed discussing our families, gardens and jam-making with her. May she rest in peace.' His tweet appeared, obediently, after the Prime Minister's speech on Thursday.

Jordan Henderson, Liverpool's captain, travelled to Liverpool town hall yesterday and signed the book of condolence. Jurgen Klopp said he supported the minute's silence but added Liverpool's fans did not need any guidance from him on how to show respect.

He's right, of course. Tonight, the club of Sir Kenny Dalglish — his title duly noted — will fall silent, because its people will know what to do.



In focus: referee Madley SHUTTERSTOCK

DON'T TORTURE OFFICIALS LIKE HERETICS

PREMIER LEAGUE clubs are increasingly insistent that referees conduct post-match interviews to explain their decisions and mistakes after the game.

There is one problem with this: who says they made mistakes? The presumption here, from managers and players too, is that referees will accept responsibility under questioning — although quite what good this will do, beyond vengeful vindication for the supposedly wronged club, has never been explained. Yet take West Ham's disallowed goal at Chelsea, a judgment the majority of observers saw as erroneous. What if the referee does not agree? What if Andy Madley comes before the cameras and sticks by it? Says that Jarred Gillett, the VAR, drew his attention to a foul he had missed and he stands by that decision? How many times is the replay reviewed before we accept he has simply made a call that differs to ours? It's an interview, not an Inquisition. We can't torture officials like heretics until they recant. Throw it open to the studio, get the guests involved, it's an argument that goes absolutely nowhere unless the referee is prepared to change his mind. And, even if he does, then what? The game has gone, the final whistle has blown.

So while the event itself would be modern and new — and television would love it because it makes them the centre of the universe again — in terms of benefit for the game, there is little. Much like VAR really.

Napoli was a horror show, admits Klopp

LIVERPOOL BOSS GOES BACK TO BASICS FOR AJAX CLASH



by DOMINIC KING

RARE are the moments when Jurgen Klopp delves for a description and plumps for 'shambles' but, on this occasion, he had no choice.

The opening weeks of this unique season have presented Liverpool's manager with an increasing number of conundrums and problems but, last week in Naples, it all went pop and a ruinous 4-1 defeat led to some contemplation.

Liverpool were in the Champions League final at the end of May but, as the first European home game of the season arrives, all Klopp wants to go back to is basics. It is almost as if the players have forgotten how to do the things that have brought them success.

The German wanted the chance to get the Napoli performance out of his team's system immediately against Wolves on Saturday, but instead used the time to analyse what happened at Estadio Diego Armando Maradona. The conclusion he drew was as brutal as the damage they suffered.

'I watched the game back plenty of times and it was a real horror show,' said Klopp. 'We showed the boys the situations as well. They knew, but seeing it again makes it really obvious. It was the worst game we played since I was here.

'We had a few bad games — everyone remembers (losing 7-2 to) Aston Villa and some others where we were just not up to speed — but there were always glimpses in these games.

'In this particular game, nothing. We have to realise it all starts with defending.

'We have got to give ourselves a chance to celebrate winning a challenge again. There is no good game when a team play flawlessly offensively and defensively were just a shambles. It is all based on real defending and that is what we have to do and what we have to show.'

You know Liverpool are in the groove when you see Klopp erupt in delight in his technical area, greeting tackles from hungry mid-fielders as if they are goals, but we are yet to see that from the German this season. His team keep shipping the first goal and there is no doubt a high-energy, intense young side such as Ajax — who are rebuilding again after a summer exodus — have it within them to cause issues. It would be interesting, certainly, if Ajax were to go ahead early.

Confidence, undoubtedly, has been impacted by fractured performances and injuries to key players — left back Andy Robertson is the latest to succumb to a problem that will keep him out until after the international break — and it has impacted the mood at the club's Kirkby training base.

'I have to do something, I can't sit there and wait for how we react,' said Klopp, when asked if he 'had to do a lot of talking' in the past five days. 'Is this the situation I wanted? No. But now you are in it, you find it interesting and challenging.

'I didn't read a word — maybe 10 words altogether — that was said about us but most of the things were fair, probably. I watched the game back plenty of times and I would have asked a lot of questions about the people and the manager and the players. It is absolutely OK but it cannot be our biggest problem. We have to respond. For this we have to talk, we have to show and we have to train.'

Klopp never elaborates about training ground discussions and it was significant he chose Joel Matip, who would never be described as a natural public orator, to face questions from the media ahead of Ajax's visit.

Still, Matip gave an insight into the mood Klopp has been in and left no doubt the views he imparted were not sugar-coated. You sense Klopp's patience has been tested at having to hold such a meeting so soon after he did likewise following the loss to Manchester United.

'Sometimes it hurts and this is normal,' said Matip. 'But in a good team — which I think we are — you can speak these truths.

'You don't like to hear them but everybody knows we have to improve. The manager is always on his toes. He wants us to be the best we can be.'

In the moment, Klopp would settle for seeing the return of some old characteristics. In an ideal world, 10 red shirts will not give Ajax room to breathe but, if that is to happen, Liverpool need to start running and working again.

'Eight out of 11 were below their level and the three others were not on a top level, just a normal game,' said Klopp. 'Everything we did since I am here and everything my teams do in football is based on really solid if not perfect defending. That's where it all starts. That is what we work on.'



Smile through gritted teeth: Klopp watches Liverpool train ahead of Ajax's visit today PA

NEXT GENERATION OF AJAX STARLETS

AFTER selling five star players this summer — including Manchester United pair Antony and Lisandro Martinez — Ajax are now counting on a new crop of wonderkids. Here are three who could sting Liverpool tonight...

CALVIN BASSEY, 22
Signed from Rangers this summer, the Nigerian defender — once of Leicester's academy — cried tears of happiness as he walked out to the iconic Champions League anthem last week.

MOHAMMED KUDUS, 22
Kudus, an enigmatic forward, is having a breakout season. In the win over Rangers last week, the Ghanaian scored, assisted and had 100 per cent pass accuracy.

JURRIEN TIMBER, 21
Linked heavily with Manchester United during the summer, the versatile defender has eight Netherlands caps and is accomplished on and off the ball.

By YASEEN ZAMAN

WATCHING BRIEF... LIVERPOOL v AJAX

LIVERPOOL (4-3-3): Alisson; Alexander-Arnold, Matip, Van Dijk, Tsimikas; Thiago, Fabinho, Elliott; Salah, Nunez, Diaz.

AJAX (4-3-3): Pasveer; Rensch, Timber, Bassey, Blind; Berghuis, Alvarez, Taylor; Tadic, Kudus, Bergwijn.

Kick-off: 8pm, Anfield.
TV: LIVE BT Sport 2.
Referee: Artur Dias (Por).

GROUP A

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Ajax	1	1	0	0	4	0	4	3
Napoli	1	1	0	0	4	1	3	3
Liverpool	1	0	0	1	1	4	-3	0
Rangers	1	0	0	1	0	4	-4	0

CHRIS SUTTON — SPURS CAN HIT SPORTING WHERE IT HURTS... BUT I FEAR RAGGED REDS WILL HIT ANOTHER BUM NOTE

LIVERPOOL v AJAX

I KEPT thinking because of what Liverpool have achieved in previous seasons that it was only a blip they were in. But with the way Napoli won 4-1 and made Liverpool's defence look like tourists on an Italian holiday, it has become more than that. Something's amiss there. From Virgil van Dijk at the back to Mohamed Salah up front, they've not been clicking. Liverpool's players lapped up the praise when they were on song. Now we need to see how they respond when they're hitting bum notes. Ajax will have a go. They're fearless and beat Rangers 4-0 last week. There's no time to waste for Liverpool to get their season back on track, but I fear Ajax will take something away from Anfield.

SCORE PREDICTION — 2-2 DRAW



On the counter-attack: Conte SHUTTERSTOCK

SPORTING v TOTTENHAM

ANTONIO CONTE doesn't boast the greatest Champions League record. Not with Juventus, Chelsea or Inter Milan. You wondered whether he was getting his excuses in early when complaining about Tottenham's fixture congestion before last week's opening group game. Yet Spurs got off to a flyer against Marseille, an emotional Richarlison scoring twice as he continues to show why he was worth their £60million investment. Sporting are at home in Lisbon so I expect they'll take the game to Tottenham, but that will suit Conte's counter-attacking style. They have got the flying arrows who can hurt Sporting and make it two wins from two in their group.

SCORE PREDICTION — 2-1 TO TOTTENHAM

EXCLUSIVE INTERVIEW

by Matt Barlow



Poch said I was like Messi...but he was just being nice!

MARCUS EDWARDS was let go by Spurs despite rich praise but is happy now he's shining for Sporting

MARCUS Edwards might easily have wound up on the sizeable scrap-heap of football's failed wonderkids.

He was hailed as Tottenham's future and likened to Lionel Messi at 17, then jettisoned at 20 with a reputation for being difficult and only a breezy cameo in a cup tie against Gillingham to his name.

Such a narrative can be difficult to reverse and yet Edwards has rebuilt his career in Portugal, has been sparkling this season in the famous green hoops of Sporting Lisbon and is preparing for a first reunion with Spurs.

'The feeling is a bit strange,' Edwards tells *Sportsmail*. 'I was at the club for so long, half my career. So it's crazy to think I'm going to be playing against Spurs in a Champions League fixture.

'It will bring back a lot of good memories. I still remember training at the old training ground after school. The club has grown a lot since. And I still have some old team-mates who broke through the first team so it will be good to see them.'

He knows tonight's Group D fixture in Lisbon will reheat some of the interest that erupted when Mauricio Pochettino compared his technique and dribbling prowess, with a low centre of gravity, to that of a young Messi — a comment the then Tottenham boss was quick to regret.

'I think that was said to help me in a way,' says Edwards. 'Just to put me out there and give me some recognition as he thought I was a good player. I think it got blown out of proportion a little bit but there were good intentions behind it.

'He brought me into the first team and believed in me so I appreciate it. I don't think about it so it doesn't really affect me.'



Edwards (right) left Tottenham without fanfare in the summer of 2019 in the shadow of the club's first appearance in a Champions League final.

Injuries frustrated his progress at key stages and a loan at Norwich went badly, and ended prematurely, although a season with Excelsior in Rotterdam was more encouraging and set the seed for a move overseas. After training with Brentford and links to Udinese, Edwards signed for Vitoria Guimaraes in Portugal and so began the reinvention.

For all his natural talent his personality is not brash, rather shy and introverted, according to those who know him well. Away from London, he found the time and space to realign his ambition.

'I think this journey has made me into a better player,' he says. 'It has helped me grow up in a lot of ways. I've had to learn things on my own in a way and get my head down and focus in a new environment.

'It's not easy moving away from friends and family but I did it so I can better my future. Vitoria was a club that pushed me and allowed me to showcase myself.'

Edwards worked hard, scoring 20 and registering 14 assists in two-and-a-half years at Vitoria, and will never forget his first goal for them, at Arsenal in the Europa League. 'My best memory,' he agrees.

At 23, he is flourishing once again. His impressive form prompted a move by Sporting boss Ruben Amorim in January and Edwards has adapted to his life in Lisbon, where he says he passes most free time 'chilling' and playing video games.

Edwards made his first Champions League appearance in the last 16 against Manchester City last season, and helped his team finish as runners-up in the Portuguese league behind Porto.

Premier League clubs will have their scouts in place. Sporting sold Matheus Nunes to Wolves and Joao Palhinha to Fulham this summer. Players who succeed in Portugal's top flight tend not to stay there long.

This season, Edwards has stepped up again, a fixture in the front three, shouldering more responsibility after Nunes and Palhinha's departures, and has made an excellent start with three goals, including the opener in a 3-0 win at Eintracht Frankfurt.

'We have big ambitions and we believe in ourselves,' says Edwards, who is eligible for Cyprus through his mother but represented England through all the age groups to Under 20s and has not given up on senior recognition.

Sporting boss Amorim said: 'He has so much talent. He can get much better. He can even get to the English national team. I trust him a lot. I know he can grow a lot.'

Edwards added: 'We know Spurs are a good team but we're confident in our abilities and ready for this fixture. We had a good start against Frankfurt where we showed what we can do. The team had great chemistry not just on the field but everyone gets along off the pitch, there's loads of laughs and good vibes.'

Tottenham will be well aware of the threat.

CONTE'S PALACE TRIP TO PAY TRIBUTE TO QUEEN

ANTONIO CONTE has revealed he visited Buckingham Palace last week to pay his respects to the Queen. The Tottenham manager, who left flowers outside the palace on Friday, said: 'I wanted to give our condolences to the Royal Family. Honestly, for me it's very difficult to believe because in your mind you think the Queen is immortal.
'To live this situation in London, I will keep in my heart my mind for the rest of my life.'



Wonderkid: Edwards in action for Tottenham in 2016, aged 17 PA

CONTE: I CAN'T GUARANTEE SON A STARTING ROLE

By SAMI MOKBEL
Chief Football Reporter in Lisbon

TOTTENHAM manager Antonio Conte fired a warning to out-of-form forward Son Heung-min to leave him sweating on his place against Sporting tonight.

Son has started all seven games this season, but is yet to score despite the club's unbeaten start.

Last season Son won the Premier League Golden Boot after a prolific season that heralded 28 goals for club and country.

In March, Conte said he would have to be 'crazy' to drop Son — but the emergence of Dejan Kulusevski and the £60million capture of Richarlison from Everton means Conte is no longer reliant on the South Korean.

Speaking yesterday ahead of tonight's trip to Sporting, when asked about Son's place in his team, Conte made clear the forward is no longer untouchable.

He said: 'I think when you try to build something important, when you try to build something with ambition and try to be competitive and fight to win, you have to change old habits, otherwise it means you want to stay in balance and it means you don't want to have ambition.

'For this reason all the players have to accept the rotation especially up front — we have four players. For me especially it's very difficult right now to drop one of these four players, but I have to make the best decision for the team, also for the players.

'Sometimes it's better to rest and don't start a game, to come in and play only 20 or 30 minutes and then play the following games.

'For sure I'm here to try to change the old habit. The old habit was that the players were used to playing in every game.

'What happened in this type of situation is that you don't have great possibilities to win.

'You try to make the players happy, but big clubs have a big squad, a deep squad. In this moment we don't have a big squad but we have just started to try to follow this path. For this reason what happens with one of these four players will be normal and it's good for a coach like me to have these options.'

Conte said the selection dilemma isn't causing him sleepless nights, adding: 'I think every manager likes this kind of problem.

'For sure I have the possibility to pick three important players and know that I have another player on the bench who is ready to come on and help us, like in the last game against Marseille.

'It was 0-0, I decided to put Kulusevski into the pitch and to keep also the three strikers to become more offensive. I think this is an important solution for me.'

WATCHING BRIEF... SPORTING v TOTTENHAM

SPORTING (3-4-3): Adan; Esgaio, Inacio, Coates; Porro, Ugarte, Morita, Reis; Santos, Trincao, Edwards.

TOTTENHAM (3-4-3): Lloris; Romero, Dier, Lenglet; Royal, Hojbjerg, Bentancur, Perisic; Kulusevski, Kane, Richarlison.

Kick-off: 5.45pm, Estadio Jose Alvalade.
TV: LIVE on BT Sport 3.
Referee: Srdjan Jovanovic (Ser).

GROUP D

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Sporting Lisbon	1	1	0	0	3	0	3	3
Tottenham	1	1	0	0	2	0	2	3
Marseille	1	0	0	1	0	2	-2	0
E Frankfurt	1	0	0	1	0	3	-3	0

Fixture chaos for United & Leeds

MANCHESTER UNITED's game with Leeds and Liverpool's trip to Chelsea have been called off, with police resources stretched ahead of the Queen's funeral.

Each club has been left with a fixture headache, with the decision made as huge crowds look set to flock to London over the coming days to pay respect.

Metropolitan Police officers will oversee a historic, large-scale operation with numbers from forces across the country — including Greater Manchester — drafted in to assist.

The two matches, which would have needed a sizeable police presence, have been postponed.

With an international break and World Cup looming in an already tight schedule, another date for each match must be found.

The Queen will lie in state from Wednesday. Vast numbers are expected to converge on Westminster Hall with Sunday in particular — the day of the postponed games and the eve of the funeral — likely to be incredibly busy.

Tottenham's game with Leicester City on Saturday and Arsenal's trip to Brentford on Sunday will go ahead. Both games have a lower security categorisation. The news will be welcomed by Gunners' boss Mikel Arteta, who yesterday saw their Europa League match against PSV Eindhoven on Thursday called off. Arsenal were desperate to avoid a postponement and explored a number of options, including taking the game to the Netherlands and playing it behind closed doors, but were left with insurmountable logistics issues.

Spurs had, at one stage, looked at switching their game to Leicester but it will take place in north London as planned.

Brighton's home game with Crystal Palace remains off, having previously been postponed due to planned rail strikes.

A Premier League spokesperson said: 'Following extensive consultation with clubs, police, local Safety Advisory Groups and other relevant authorities, there was no other option but to postpone the three fixtures.

'The Premier League would like to thank the UK Football Policing Unit and other police forces across the country, as well as our broadcast partners, for their support during this process, and will continue to liaise with them ahead of the weekend. For the matches being played during the period of national mourning, tributes will be paid to the Queen at Premier League stadiums.'

Liverpool host Ajax in the Champions League tonight and the club have asked UEFA to allow a minute's silence before kick-off as a mark of respect.

The EFL's calendar has restarted with a large number of games to take place this evening.

By MIKE KEEGAN
Sports News Correspondent



THIS WEEKEND'S FIXTURES

Friday
8pm Aston Villa v So'ton (Sky Sports)
8pm Nottingham Forest v Fulham
Saturday
12.30pm Wolves v Man City (BT Sport)
3pm Newcastle v Bournemouth
5.30pm Spurs v Leicester City (Sky Sports)
POSTPONED Brighton v Crystal Palace
Sunday
12pm Brentford v Arsenal (Sky Sports)
2.15pm Everton v West Ham (Sky Sports)
POSTPONED Chelsea v Liverpool
POSTPONED Man Utd v Leeds

Respect: Jordan Henderson signs the book of condolence at Liverpool town hall GETTY IMAGES

How does top flight solve this riddle?

Q&A

By MIKE KEEGAN

■ WHICH GAMES ARE AFFECTED?
On Saturday, Brighton v Crystal Palace, which was postponed thanks to planned rail strikes. On Sunday, Chelsea v Liverpool and Manchester United v Leeds.

■ WHY SO?
Like many other forces, Greater Manchester Police have been asked to assist with events up to and including the Queen's funeral on Monday. Officers have already been sent to Scotland to assist on events north of the border. With vast crowds expected in London from tomorrow when the Queen lies in state at Westminster Hall to Monday, officers will assist colleagues from the Metropolitan Police. Numbers are expected to steadily increase with Sunday — the day of two of the postponed matches — being one of the busiest periods. United's often-bitter rivalry with Leeds calls for a large police presence, as does Liverpool's visit to Chelsea.

■ COULD THEY FLIP FIXTURES OR PLAY BEHIND CLOSED DOORS?
No. Like their colleagues over the Pennines, the West Yorkshire force will also be sending officers to help out with arrangements. As for Chelsea, Liverpool's neighbours Everton are at home on Sunday, which made a switch impractical. Behind closed doors was an option nobody wanted. Tickets have already been sold and the thought of mass refunds was thought to be unpalatable.

■ WHEN WILL GAMES BE PLAYED?
There are no free midweek slots before the World Cup. January 17 is set aside for FA Cup third round replays. Later that month are the Carabao Cup semi-finals, while February 7 is set aside for FA Cup fourth round replays. April 4 is vacant, and could be appealing. There are other vacant midweeks in May.

Costa: Wolves move lit fire within me

By TOM COLLOMOSSE

DIEGO COSTA is back in the Premier League after signing a short-term deal with Wolves. The controversial former Chelsea man's arrival was accompanied by a video on the club's social media channels, depicting the forward holding wolves on a leash (right) — which Costa admitted had left him 'scared to death'.

Costa has agreed terms to stay at Molineux until the end of the campaign, five years after his explosive departure from Chelsea. Costa helped the Blues win two league titles but fell out with then-boss Antonio Conte and departed in 2017.

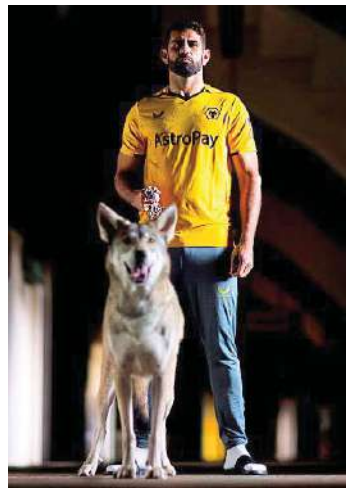
'The chance to return to the Premier League lit the fire within me,' said Costa. 'I always thought the Premier League was the best in the world.

'On a physical and psychological level, I will need two to three weeks to get back in shape but that's normal since I haven't done much for a while but I know that I can do it.

'If I had ever doubted my potential I wouldn't have accepted this challenge. I can bring something to the table.'

Wolves turned to Costa when their summer signing Sasa Kalajdzic damaged knee ligaments on his debut against Southampton, while fellow forward Raul Jimenez has also been struggling with injury.

Yet Costa, now 33, told Wolves to be patient as he has not played since leaving Atletico Mineiro at the start of the year — making it doubtful he will play a significant part in Saturday's clash with Manchester City. He added: 'I know that I can help but I need my own time. I asked Bruno Lage not to rush me. This is a very demanding championship and I'm ready to give it a go.'



WALES REWARD PAGE WITH FOUR-YEAR DEAL

ROB PAGE has signed a new four-year deal with Wales after leading his country to their first World Cup since 1958.

Page has done an outstanding job since replacing Ryan Giggs and has been rewarded with a contract that takes him to the end of 2026 World Cup qualifying.

'There is no bigger honour than coaching your national team and I can't wait for the challenge the next four years will bring, starting with our first World Cup in 64 years,' said Page, who will lead his side against England during November's group stage in Qatar.

'This is an exciting time for Welsh football and I hope we can make the country proud in November and continue our success by qualifying for more major tournaments in the future.'

Wales also qualified for Euro 2020 under Giggs, though Page was in charge for the tournament last summer when they made the last 16 before losing to Denmark.

Page began with Wales as Giggs' assistant but adapted quickly to the role of manager, earning the respect of Gareth Bale and Aaron Ramsey as well as guiding youngsters such as Neco Williams and Brennan Johnson.

Wales earned a play-off spot by finishing second to Belgium in their qualifying group, before they overcame Austria and Ukraine to book their spot in Qatar.

Welsh FA chief executive Noel Mooney said: 'I am confident Rob is the best person to bring us more success over the next four years. By putting the correct foundations in place, I am sure we will see the team qualify for more tournaments in the near future and continue to grow the positivity around Welsh football.'

TOM COLLOMOSSE

How Jimmy, Jonny and Joe stole the show...

ENGLAND'S SUMMER RATINGS

BY LAWRENCE BOOTH

ALEX LEES 5

ADDED a few shots to repertoire after a stodgy debut series in the Caribbean and got the chase against India going with a rapid half-century. There were plenty of failures too, but England are reluctant to continue the top-order merry-go-round, so Lees is likely to go to Pakistan.

Seven matches, 327 runs at 25.15

ZAK CRAWLEY 4

AT TIMES, his selection looked like a cruel experiment: in seven of his 13 innings, he failed to reach double figures. England, though, expected nothing else, insisting Crawley was not selected for his consistency. His unbeaten 69 to clinch the series gave them a little return on their investment, which will continue in Pakistan.

Seven matches, 276 runs at 23.00

OLLIE POPE 7.5

HAVING never batted at No 3, Pope repaid Brendon McCullum's faith, starting with a sublime 145 against New Zealand at Trent Bridge. Perhaps more significant were knocks of 73 and 67 in seam-friendly conditions against South Africa at Lord's and the Oval. Has the ability to be a banker for years to come.

Seven matches, 456 runs at 38.00

JOE ROOT 9

ADAPTED magnificently to his new life in the ranks. Even after tailing off against South Africa, he still averaged 68 for the summer and was immense in three of the big fourth-innings chases: 115 at Lord's and 86 at Headingley, both against New Zealand, and 142 against India — all unbeaten.

Seven matches, 615 runs at 68.33

JONNY BAIRSTOW 9

THE biggest beneficiary of England's great unshackling. In five innings against New Zealand and India, he thrashed 589 runs from 578 balls, including four hundreds, 75 fours and 13 sixes. It was one of the greatest spells of sustained aggression in English Test history. It was devastating when he broke his leg playing golf.

Six matches, 681 runs at 75.66

HARRY BROOK 6

SPARKLED all too briefly in his only innings, against South Africa at the Oval, but showed the gusto that England now demand from their middle order. The future looks bright.

One match, 12 runs at 12

BEN STOKES 9

ONE of the two architects, with McCullum, of England's Test renaissance, Stokes was a man mountain. Averaged 40 with the bat, 25 with the ball, and constantly urged his team to go harder. Paradoxically, his best innings, a century against South Africa at Old Trafford, was full of common sense. But fears remain about his left knee.

Seven matches, 368 runs at 40.88 and 18 wickets at 25.66

BEN FOAKES 8

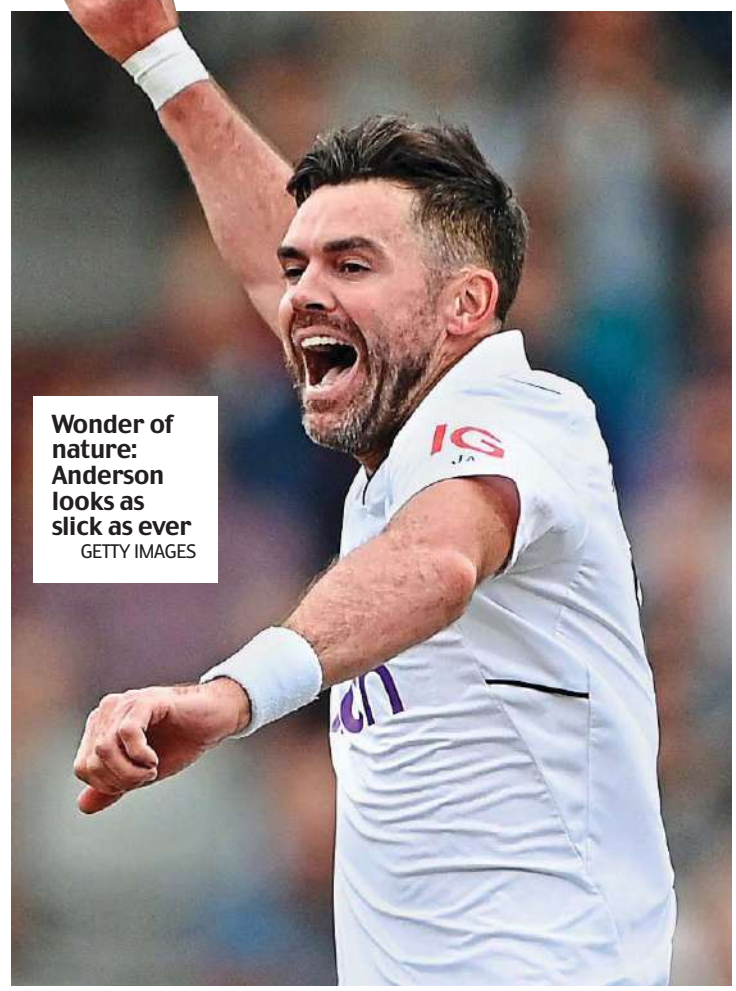
HELPED get England's ball rolling by partnering Root to victory against New Zealand at Lord's, then made a high-class century against South Africa in Manchester. He didn't catch everything behind the stumps but he usually made the difficult look easy. Nailed on for Pakistan.

Six matches, 240 runs at 40.00

SAM BILLINGS 6

CAME in at Headingley when Foakes caught Covid and kept his place against India, where he put on a useful 92 with Bairstow. With Bairstow injured and Jos Buttler outside the Test fold, Billings may sneak on the plane to Pakistan.

Two matches, 36 runs at 36.00



Wonder of nature: Anderson looks as slick as ever
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STUART BROAD 8

LOST the new ball to Robinson, but still finished as England's leading wicket-taker, with 29. His greatest strength was his reliability: in seven innings out of 11, Broad took at least three wickets.

Never got the chance to be 'nighthawk', but his batting was always fun. Can he manage one more Ashes?

Seven matches, 29 wickets at 27.17

OLLIE ROBINSON 8.5

THE new-look Robinson — handed the new ball ahead of Broad — is a sight to behold, and his first-innings five-for at the Oval was a masterpiece of fast-medium English swing and seam.

If he stays fit, anything's possible, though his stamina will be tested more thoroughly in Pakistan.

Two matches, 12 wickets at 15.00

JAMIE OVERTON 7

MANAGED only two expensive New Zealand wickets on debut, but helped save England with the bat, making 97 in a stand with Bairstow. Pacier than his twin, Craig, but may fall away once England's out-and-out quicks return from injury.

One match, two wickets at 73 (and 97 runs at 97.00!)

JACK LEACH 6.5

HIS summer revolved around one Test, against New Zealand at Headingley, where he took 10 of his 16 wickets, responding superbly to Stokes's show of faith. He will need help in Pakistan, though — possibly from Moeen Ali or Dom Bess.

Seven matches, 16 wickets at 36.25

MATT PARKINSON 6

BOWLED 15 serviceable overs on his debut against New Zealand at Lord's, but England remain unconvinced he can flourish at the highest level. It will say a lot if they don't pick him this winter.

One match, one wicket at 47.00

MATT POTTS 7.5

INSTANTLY became part of England's fast-bowling pecking order with debut figures of four for 13 against New Zealand at Lord's. Removed Kane Williamson three times, then Virat Kohli at Edgbaston. Faded before losing his place to Robinson. He will come again.

Five matches, 20 wickets at 28.00

JAMES ANDERSON 9

A WONDER of nature. Turned 40 in July, but looks as lithe and slick as ever. His 27 wickets came at just 17 apiece, and he kept England in the hunt at Edgbaston with a first-innings five-for against India. There's no reason to think he won't be taking the new ball against Australia next summer.

Six matches, 27 wickets at 17.66

CRICKET SCOREBOARDS AND SPORT IN BRIEF

LV COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP

Division I

Northamptonshire v Surrey

(Day 1 of 4)

NORTHAMPTON: Surrey elected to bowl. Northamptonshire (1pt) have scored 249 for 4 wkts vs Surrey (1).

NORTHANTS — First Innings

E Gay c Curran b Atkinson 145
***W Young** c Patel b Roach 20
L Procter c Steel b Roach 2
J Cobb c Smith b Worrall 1
R Keogh not out 75
†R Vasconcelos not out 0
Extras (lb4, nb2) 6

Total (4 wkts 67.2 overs) 249
Fall: 77, 91, 94, 249. **Bowling:** Roach 15-1-70-2, Worrall 16-4-53-1, J Clark 15-2-42-0, Curran 11-2-39-0, Atkinson 6.2-0-22-1, Steel 4-1-19-0.

Warwickshire v Somerset

EDGBASTON: Somerset won the toss. Somerset (0pts) have scored 182 for 8 wkts vs Warwickshire (2).

SOMERSET — First Innings

T Lammonby st Burgess b Yadav .. 24
Imam ul Haq c Burgess b Siraj 5
***T Abell** b Hannon-Dalby 1
G Bartlett c Burgess b Siraj 12
L Goldsworthy lbw b Brookes 9
†J Rew lbw b Siraj 0
L Gregory not out 60
K Aldridge lbw b Brookes 6
J Davey lbw b Siraj 21
Sajid Khan not out 31
Extras (b8, w1, nb4) 13

Total (8 wkts 56 overs) 182
Fall: 12, 17, 46, 46, 46, 66, 82, 140. **Bowling:** Hannon-Dalby 14-5-43-1, Mohammed Siraj 19-5-54-4, J Yadav 14-2-42-1, Brookes 8-0-17-2, Briggs 1-0-18-0.

Yorkshire v Essex

HEADINGLEY: Essex elected to bowl. Yorkshire (0pts) have scored 134 for all wkts against Essex (3).

YORKSHIRE — First Innings

A Lyth c Rossington b Porter 13
F Bean c Rossington b S J Cook 0
G Hill c Rossington b S J Cook 36
T Kohler-Cadmore c Lawrence b S J Cook 5
W Fraine b Snater 0
***†J Tattersall** b Snater 32
M Revis c Rossington b Snater 2
J Thompson c A N Cook b Allison 5
B Coad b Allison 17
S Patterson not out 10
J Shutt lbw b Porter 4
Extras (lb6, nb4) 10

Total (52.2 overs) 134
Fall: 4, 22, 55, 56, 64, 87, 100, 100, 123. **Bowling:** Porter 13.2-3-42-2, Cook 15-7-31-3, Allison 11-5-15-2, S Snater 12-6-39-3, Critchley 1-0-1-0.

Division II

Leicestershire v Durham

GRACE ROAD: Durham elected to bowl. Leicestershire (0pts) have scored 97 for 2 wkts vs Durham (0).

LEICESTERSHIRE — First Innings

Mohammed Azad lbw b Coughlin 9
S Budinger not out 63
R Patel c Borthwick b Potts 5
L Kimber not out 0
Extras (b17, lb3) 20

Total (2 wkts 22 overs) 97
Fall: 74, 97.
Bowling: Raine 6-1-14-0, Potts 7-1-22-1, Gibson 4-0-18-0, P Coughlin 5-2-23-1.

Middlesex v Glamorgan

LORD'S: Middlesex won the toss. Middlesex (3pts), with six 1st-innings wkts in hand, are trailing Glamorgan (2) by 82 runs.

GLAMORGAN — First Innings

***D Lloyd** b Roland-Jones 5
E Byrom c Simpson b Murtagh 4
S Gill b Roland-Jones 22
S Northeast c Simpson b Murtagh .. 17
K Carlson c Simpson b Murtagh 36
W Root c Simpson b Higgins 11
†C Cooke b Bamber 52
J Harris lbw b Higgins 13
T van der Gugten not out 9
A Patel c Simpson b Higgins 36
M Hogan c Roland-Jones b Higgins .. 2
Extras (lb3, nb4) 7

Total (54.1 overs) 214
Fall: 5, 9, 48, 48, 70, 129, 165, 165, 208. **Bowling:** Murtagh 12-1-58-3, Roland-Jones 16-1-50-2, Higgins 15.1-2-59-4, E Bamber 11-1-44-1.

MIDDLESEX — First Innings

S Robson c Gill b Hogan 10
M Stoneman not out 72
***S Eskinazi** c Cooke b Harris 31
P Malan b Harris 0
M Holden c Northeast b Harris 0
†J Simpson not out 14
Extras (lb5) 5

Total (4 wkts 36.2 overs) 132
Fall: 36, 90, 92, 92.
Bowling: Hogan 10.2-2-46-1, Harris 11-1-47-3, T van der Gugten 9-3-22-0, Patel 6-2-12-0.

Sussex v Worcestershire

HOVE: Sussex won the toss. Worcestershire (3pt), with all 1st-innings wkts in hand, are trailing Sussex (1) by 133 runs.

SUSSEX — First Innings

A Orr b Leach 1
***T Haines** b Gibbon 2
T Alsop lbw b Leach 0
T Clark lbw b Leach 8
†O Carter c Roderick b Pennington 1
F Hudson-Prentice c Roderick b Pennington 51
J Coles c Ali b Gibbon 54
Faheem Ashraf c Haynes b Leach 2
J Carson run out 58
H Crocombe c Pennington b Gibbon 16
B Currie not out 4
Extras (b4, lb5, nb14) 23

Total (59.2 overs) 220
Fall: 4, 4, 14, 15, 23, 99, 106, 193, 213. **Bowling:** J Leach 13-3-37-4, Gibbon 13-3-52-3, D Pennington 14.2-6-45-2, Tongue 8-2-21-0, E Barnard 10-1-51-0, D'Oliveira 1-0-5-0.

WORCESTERSHIRE — First Innings

E Pollock not out 36
J Libby not out 42
Extras (lb5, nb4) 9

Total (0 wkts 30 overs) 87
Bowling: Faheem Ashraf 6-0-22-0, Hudson-Prentice 9-2-24-0, Currie 5-1-8-0, Crocombe 3-0-14-0, Carson 5-0-13-0, Haines 2-1-1-0.

■TENNIS

WTA SLOVENIA OPEN — Women's singles first round: E Raducanu (GB) bt D Yastremska (Ukr) 6-2 5-3 ret.

■TODAY'S ACTION

(7.45 unless stated)

UEFA CHAMPIONS LEAGUE GROUP A
Liverpool v Ajax ..... (8.0)
Live on BT Sport 2

GROUP B
Leverkusen v Atletico Madrid .... (8.0)
Live on BT Sport Extra
FC Porto v Club Bruges ..... (8.0)
Live on BT Sport Extra

GROUP C
Bayern Munich v Barcelona ..... (8.0)
Live on BT Sport Extra
Plzen v Inter Milan ..... (5.45)
Live on BT Sport 1

GROUP D
Marseille v Eintracht Frankfurt .. (8.0)
Live on BT Sport Extra
Sporting v Tottenham ..... (5.45)
Live on BT Sport ESPN

SKY BET CHAMPIONSHIP
Blackburn v Watford .....
Huddersfield v Wigan .....
Hull v Stoke .....
Middlesbrough v Cardiff .....
Preston North End v Burnley ..... (8.0)
Live on Sky Sports Football
Swansea v Sheff Utd .....

SKY BET LEAGUE ONE
Barnsley v Port Vale .....
Burton Albion v Portsmouth .....
Charlton v Forest Green .....
Cheltenham v Cambridge Utd .....
Ipswich v Bristol Rovers .....
Lincoln City v Derby .....
Milton Keynes Dons v Bolton .....
Morecambe v Sheff Wed .....
Peterborough v Fleetwood Tn .....
Plymouth v Oxford Utd .....
Shrewsbury v Exeter .....
Wycombe v Accrington Stanley .....

SKY BET LEAGUE TWO
AFC Wimbledon v Northampton .....
Barrow v Doncaster .....
Crawley Town v Stockport County .....
Grimsby v Gillingham .....
Harrogate Tn v Salford City .....
Hartlepool v Crewe .....
Mansfield v Carlisle .....
Rochdale v Leyton Orient .....
Stevenage v Newport County .....
Swindon v Sutton Utd .....
Tranmere v Bradford .....
Walsall v Colchester .....

CRICKET — 2nd Women's T20 Int'l: England v India (Derby, 6pm).

TENNIS — Davis Cup Finals - Group Stage (Bologna, Glasgow, Hamburg, Valencia).

Stokes is the star for making England brilliant and breathless

Hosts audacious to the end and seal series in fashion which fits their leader's no-fear attitude





PAUL NEWMAN
Cricket Correspondent at the Kia Oval

IT SAID everything about England's dynamic new approach to the oldest form of the game that Ollie Pope tried to reverse ramp Marco Jansen for six to win the final Test and this series.

Instead of making contact the ball hit his wrist and then helmet but the broad grin on Ben Stokes' face on the balcony was all that was needed to give approval to Pope's audacity.

Even now not everybody gets it — in the Sky commentary box Shaun Pollock was heard to lament 'can't they just be orthodox with six runs left' — but what England have done this summer has been transformative, breathless and quite brilliant.

Yes, there will be times when they stubbornly insist on doing it their way when all logic points to the conventional, like their manic pursuit of quick runs in the first innings here when they could have sensibly batted South Africa out of the game.

But the restorative effect at a time when the red ball game is under threat like never before cannot be over-estimated and both Stokes and Brendon McCullum deserve immense credit for bucking the franchise trend and throwing their heart and soul into Test cricket.

Six wins in seven Tests this summer, all against top-quality opposition in New Zealand, India and South Africa, is transformation enough after that run of one victory in 17 Tests that saw England reach their nadir with defeat in the Caribbean.

But the way they have done it, rewriting the Test playbook as they went, has been extraordinary, albeit with the last instalment of the summer played at such a frantic speed that it was effectively white-ball cricket in white clothing.

It should be said South Africa's batting has been quite dreadful. They betrayed their negative mindset going into this match when they refused the ECB's attempts to add an extra day after the first had been lost to rain and the second called off following the Queen's passing.

Then their fallibility showed why that extra day was never going to be needed anyway. How appropriate Stokes was named England's player of the series.

What a leader he has shown himself to be, both by example and man-management, and how refreshing it is that England's key player should turn his back on the IPL and the Hundred, and even 50-over cricket, to prioritise Tests.

Stokes was a little tetchy when asked by Mark Butcher during the presentation after England's nine-wicket win if he was selling himself a little short by batting too aggressively. Clearly he will carry on doing it his way, setting the selfless tone, and he has earned the right to do so both with his results and his Herculean efforts with bat and ball.

It was appropriate, too, that Ollie Robinson should be player of the match here after taking 12 wickets at 15 in his two Tests since returning to the side.

It was the sight of Robinson, backing away and being bowled in Hobart, that became the image of England's Ashes surrender at the start of this year after he had been publicly shamed for his poor fitness levels. How far both he and England have come.

Not since Michael Vaughan's team won all seven Tests in 2004 have England had a summer like this. Vaughan went on to lift the Ashes the following year in the most fabled triumph of them all and next year's series is suddenly a much more enticing prospect.

Can England beat Australia this way? Why not? It will be harder against their attack but they have done it against just as potent a South African one.

Backing their players and taking away fear of failure is at the heart of England's approach and how delighted they will be that Zak Crawley came good at last after he was backed like few players have ever been through a dismal run.

Crawley's unbeaten 69, off 57 balls, ending with a square drive for his 12th four to win the match after 25 minutes of the final day, was why England have been reluctant to discard him.

He will go to Pakistan for England's next Test assignment in December but whether he bats alongside Alex Lees, who rode his luck here before falling lbw to Kagiso Rabada, remains to be seen.

Ben Duckett, added to this squad as cover when Jonny Bairstow was injured, is an opening alternative to Lees while Keaton Jennings and Dan Lawrence could provide batting depth.

England also have a tough decision to make on a second spinner because it is by no means certain Moeen Ali will come out of Test retirement after all to back up Jack Leach. There are also doubts over whether Matt Parkinson is good enough at the highest level.

One thing that can be guaranteed is England will not repeat their mistake of the Caribbean in leaving both Jimmy Anderson and Stuart Broad out. Broad may be missing from Pakistan because his first child is due, but he will be back in New Zealand next year, while Anderson looks like he can go on for ever.

Perhaps the biggest compliment to Stokes is that both have fully bought into his methods and are playing with the enthusiasm of teenagers.

Alastair Cook and Joe Root had times when they found the big two difficult to manage on the field and their absence in the West Indies did have something to do with their personalities being a bit big for the captain to handle.

But Stokes has made a mockery of that. Just as he has made a mockery of those who feared the captaincy might break him. It has been the making of him — and his methods have been the making of the new England.

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PLAYER of the match Ollie Robinson now has 51 Test wickets at an average of 19.80 in only 11 Tests. The last Englishman to reach 50 Test wickets in fewer games was England legend Ian Botham.

SCOREBOARD

(Day 5 of 5)

THE KIA OVAL: England beat South Africa by nine wkts.

SOUTH AFRICA — First Innings 118
Second Innings 169
ENGLAND — First Innings 158
Second Innings
(Overnight: 97-0)

A Lees lbw b Rabada	39
Z Crawley not out	69
O Pope not out	11
Extras (lb6, nb5)	11
Total (1 wkt 22.3 overs)	130

Fall: 108.
Bowling: K Rabada 11-1-57-1, M Jansen 7.3-0-40-0, A Nortje 4-0-27-0.

TOP SPIN

- **THIS Test lasted 909 balls — the shortest in England since 1912, also between England and South Africa at the Oval, was over in 815.**
- THIS was only the sixth time England have a won a three-Test series after falling 1-0 behind — and the first against South Africa. They achieved the feat two summers ago against West Indies, having previously done so in New Zealand in 2007-08.
- **ONLY once have England won more than six home Tests in a summer. That was in 2004, when Michael Vaughan led them to two whitewashes, 3-0 over New Zealand and 4-0 against West Indies.**
- ENGLAND have now won four Test series in a row against South Africa — their best sequence against them since five in succession between 1938-39 and 1955.

Now's the time

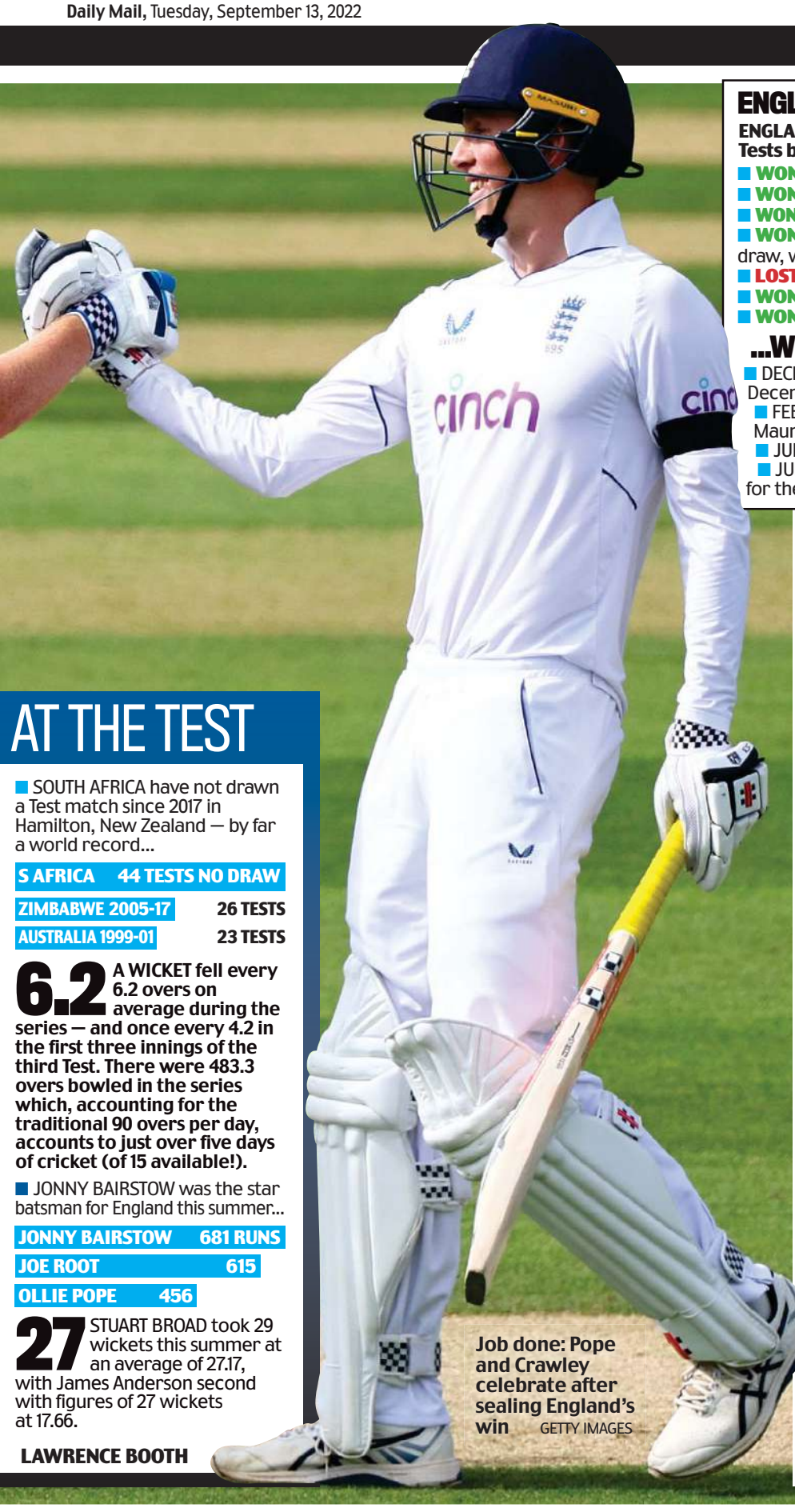


ENGLAND must enjoy the remarkable turnaround that has not only seen them win six out of seven Tests this summer but has also seen them play with a style that has made people fall in love with Test cricket again.

Sky's viewing figures went through the roof on Sunday as England closed in on victory in the final Test of this LV= Insurance series and those figures have been very healthy all summer.

But even though England have been right to focus on the Test in front of them and let the future

Point proven: Rob Key has started brilliantly GETTY IMAGES



Job done: Pope and Crawley celebrate after sealing England's win GETTY IMAGES

AT THE TEST

■ SOUTH AFRICA have not drawn a Test match since 2017 in Hamilton, New Zealand — by far a world record...

S AFRICA	44 TESTS NO DRAW
ZIMBABWE 2005-17	26 TESTS
AUSTRALIA 1999-01	23 TESTS

6.2 **A WICKET fell every 6.2 overs on average during the series — and once every 4.2 in the first three innings of the third Test. There were 483.3 overs bowled in the series which, accounting for the traditional 90 overs per day, accounts to just over five days of cricket (of 15 available!).**

■ JONNY BAIRSTOW was the star batsman for England this summer...

JONNY BAIRSTOW	681 RUNS
JOE ROOT	615
OLLIE POPE	456

27 STUART BROAD took 29 wickets this summer at an average of 27.17, with James Anderson second with figures of 27 wickets at 17.66.

LAWRENCE BOOTH

ENGLAND'S RED-HOT TEST SUMMER

ENGLAND entered the summer with one win in 17 Tests but turned it around with six wins in seven...

- **WON** by five wickets v New Zealand at Lord's
- **WON** by five wickets v NZ, Trent Bridge
- **WON** by seven wickets v NZ, Headingley (3-0 series win)
- **WON** by seven wickets v India, Edgbaston (2-2 series draw, with this Test rearranged from 2021)
- **LOST** by an innings and 12 runs v South Africa at Lord's
- **WON** by innings and 85 runs v SA at Old Trafford
- **WON** by nine wickets v SA at the Oval (2-1 series win)

...WHAT'S NEXT FOR TEST TEAM?

- DECEMBER: Three-Test series in Pakistan, starting December 1 (Rawalpindi), 9 (Multan) and 17 (Karachi)
- FEBRUARY: Two-Test series in New Zealand in Mount Maunganui (February 16) and Wellington (23)
- JUNE: Ashes warm-up with Test against Ireland
- JUNE: The Ashes starts, with dates and venues TBC for the five-Test series.

Brilliant Ben can't help but look forward

From Back Page

game open. They stand up in the big moments, and if Broady wasn't playing, Davey Warner might sleep a little bit easier, so we've got to take that into consideration.'
First, though, comes a winter schedule that also includes a trip to New Zealand in February, with Stokes urging his side to 'walk towards the danger of what Pakistan is going to throw at us'.
He added: 'It's a hot country and you are not going to get anywhere near as much assistance with the ball as you do in England. You will be facing a lot more spin. That's a new challenge for us and something we are excited by.'
Meanwhile, Ollie Robinson — player of the match at the Oval after figures of seven for 89 — said he had already picked the brains of Pakistan and Hampshire seamer Mohammad Abbas about how to bowl on his country's thankless pitches.
'He looks to wobble the ball out there when it's new and gets rewards, then holds when it gets a bit older,' he said.
'I'll be looking to do that and hopefully add a bit more too.'
Robinson, who has looked leaner and bowled faster since his return to international cricket in Manchester, intends to get into even better shape before the start of the first Test at Rawalpindi on December 1.
'I'll have a week off and try to get even fitter for Pakistan,' he said. 'It will be harder out there and conditions will be tougher, so I'll push on.
'It's a privilege to share the new ball with Jimmy, and Broady's done better since he's not taken the new ball, but I don't feel I've broken them up.'

for Key to work out how to win in Pakistan



take care of itself, now is the time to move away from short-term gains and think about their approach overseas.
Winning at home against a weak South Africa batting line-up that only made one 50 in the series is one thing but Rob Key will be asking himself now, 'how can we win in Pakistan in completely different conditions and with a different ball?'
The pitches for the three Tests in December will be flat and England must think carefully about going there with an attack similar to the one that has been so successful this summer — three medium-fast right-arm bowlers in Jimmy Anderson, Stuart Broad and Ollie Robinson and an all-rounder of a captain in Ben Stokes bowling on one leg.
Who will give England the extra pace they will need in Pakistan? Will it be Mark Wood? Where is Saqib Mahmood with his fitness? Mahmood could provide the reverse swing I had as captain when we won in Pakistan back in 2000 through Darren Gough and Craig White.
Who will be their second spinner to accompany Jack Leach? They will almost certainly be needed in Pakistan.
Are Moeen Ali and Adil Rashid up for going or are they truly done with Test cricket? And if not them, then who?
Are England still happy with an opening partnership of Zak Crawley and Alex Lees?
Yes, they scored runs right at the end here at the Oval as England won the third Test by nine wickets but is there enough potential and growth in their partnership?
We do have to appreciate how tough it has been batting at the top of the order in England in recent years. You only have to look at how difficult someone as good as Dean Elgar has found it this summer to know batters have to be given some leeway.
But England will ask themselves if they can do better and it would appear they are very keen on Ben Duckett, called up as cover here when Jonny Bairstow injured himself. There are also others they will consider like Dan Lawrence and Harry Brook, who made his debut here and could move up to the top of the order.
It may have looked as though England were hesitant to make changes this summer and were very loyal to the players they picked, but they must always be looking to improve and not take this initial success in home conditions for granted.
For instance, Matt Potts had been doing very well on his introduction to Test cricket, but at the moment Robinson is a better bowler and England have been proved absolutely right in bringing him in at Old Trafford once they were completely satisfied he was fit.
That planning will come soon enough. For now, England and their new captain in Stokes, coach in Brendon McCullum and managing director in Key can congratulate themselves on a job very well done.

BUMBLE ON THE TEST



By **DAVID LLOYD**

FAREWELL TO CAUTION

THERE'S been a massive turnaround for English Test cricket this summer. The caution has gone and quite right too because caution never won Test matches. There is a new identity now. Take the opposition on, full in the face, and let's see where that takes us. There will be ups and downs and we all have to be on board with it but it's refreshing and exciting.

WE'RE JUST LIKE AUSSIES!

BEN STOKES has led the charge and immediately stamped his authority on the side. Six out of seven results have gone his way and his methods are there for all to see. This reminds me so much of Australia in the Nineties. Get your runs as quickly as possible and leave it to the bowlers. They had Shane Warne and Glenn McGrath but England have a top-quality attack too.

GREAT ZAK JOINED PARTY



ONE of the most pleasing aspects is that eventually the openers Zak Crawley and Alex Lees have come to the party. They had one last chance in this final innings and they took it. I've been listening to Vernon Philander on *Test Match Special* and he has reminded us how difficult it is to bat against the Dukes ball in England. We must remember that.

HERE'S TO YOU, MR ROBINSON

ANOTHER big plus for England in this series has been Ollie Robinson. The penny has clearly dropped with him that he had to get fitter to make the most of his obvious talent as a bowler at the highest level. Someone has clearly got into his ear and told him he could be a world-class performer and he seems to have gone away and done what he had to do.

HAMEED BACK IN FRAME



I'M so glad England are picking the best people for the here and now and letting the future take care of itself. Now they look ahead to their next Tests in Pakistan. I expect two batters to get talked about as squad members. Keaton Jennings and Haseeb Hameed (above) have had decent county seasons and would supplement this line-up.

OLD FIRM OFF TO PAKISTAN

AND how about the old firm of Jimmy Anderson and Stuart Broad? It seems clear now they will be around for next year's Ashes and Stokes will want them there. So I'd expect both to go to Pakistan as long as Stuart's family situation allows. Pakistan have a good pace attack so maybe bowlers will hold sway again. I don't expect dust bowls that's for sure.

I'M STILL STANDING...

IT'S been a different summer for me outside of the commentary box and I can't pretend it's been easy.
Of course I've missed it and I haven't been as well as I'd like either but hopefully I'm on the mend.
It's been a pleasure to carry on bringing you my thoughts in this little column and I've been overwhelmed by public support. Thank you all. I'm still standing!

WHY ECUADOR COULD BE KICKED OUT OF WORLD CUP

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We will show respect

Klopp promises Liverpool fans will obey minute's silence for Queen

By DOMINIC KING

JURGEN KLOPP has promised that Liverpool supporters will pay their respects to Her Majesty The Queen by observing a peaceful minute's silence tonight.

Liverpool made a request to UEFA for the tribute to be held before the Champions League game against Ajax at Anfield and their manager insisted it was the right thing for the club to do in this momentous period.

There is antipathy towards the monarchy in some quarters on Merseyside and there was a furore before the FA Cup final in May when William, the new Prince of Wales, was booed by Liverpool fans.

They also booed the National Anthem, as had been the case before the Carabao Cup final in February. But Klopp has no fears of a repeat and said: 'I don't think our people need any kind of advice from me for showing respect. There are plenty of examples where people showed exactly the right respect.

'One which surprised me — and I was really proud of that moment — was last season when we played Manchester United around a very sad situation with Cristiano Ronaldo's family. And that is what I expect. For me, it is clear that's what we have to do. That's it.'

Klopp added: 'She is the only Queen of England I ever knew. I didn't know her, but the things you can see, she was a really warm, nice, loved lady and that is all that I need to know.

'I respect their grief a lot and that is why I will show my respect.'

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WHY REDS FANS WILL RESPECT HER MAJESTY

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Looking ahead: Stokes with the Basil D'Oliveira series trophy after beating South Africa

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Bring on the Aussies!

STOKES DESPERATE FOR CRACK AT THE ASHES NEXT SUMMER

LAWRENCE BOOTH
at the Kia Oval

BEN STOKES revealed his excitement about next summer's Ashes after England completed their sixth win from seven Tests this summer to clinch a come-from-behind 2-1 victory over South Africa.

And he suggested there had to be a place in the team for Stuart Broad, because otherwise Australian opener David Warner might 'sleep a little easier'.

The immediate task for England's Test side, who wrapped up a nine-wicket triumph 25 minutes into the final morning at the Oval, will be a tough three-match assignment in Pakistan in December.

And while Stokes insisted the focus was on that trip, there was no denying what lies ahead next summer, when England will look to wrestle back the urn held by Australia since 2017-18.

'When you know you have an Ashes coming up very soon, it's hard not to look at it, especially with how the last Ashes trip went,' said the England captain.

'I am excited by the Ashes, especially with the way we are playing.'

Asked about the chances of both Broad — who removed Warner seven times for just 35 runs during the 2019 Ashes — and Jimmy Anderson still being around next summer, Stokes replied: 'You keep picking people if they keep performing. They are the two guys I turn to for something to break the

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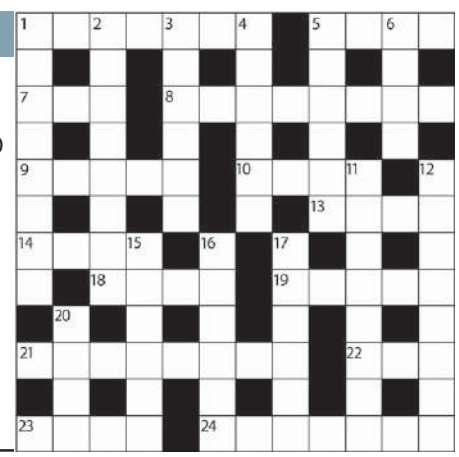
1 Puts money in (7)
5 Condiment (4)
7 Flipper (3)
8 Indignant (2,2,4)
9 Tortilla chip (5)
10 Trick into doing something (4)
13 Title (4)
14 Roam (4)
18 Soon or shortly (4)
19 School punishment (5)
21 Very tall (8)
22 English river (3)
23 Flying, pollinating insects (4)
24 Estimates (7)

DOWN

1 Foot soldiers, collectively (8)
2 Large vein (4,4)
3 Daze (6)
4 Given to evasions (6)
5 Spiritual healer (6)
6 Fruit type (4)
11 Trouble-free (8)
12 Re-evaluate (8)
15 Goes in (6)
16 Conclusion (6)
17 Serious epidemic (6)
20 Nap (4)

MONDAY'S SOLUTION (NO 9,266) – ACROSS: 1 Toadstool. 6 Eft. 8 Calico. 9 Valid. 10 Adverb. 11 Imagery. 13 Shih Tzu. 16 Dionne. 18 Caper. 19 Linear. 21 Lei. 22 Rice paper. DOWN: 1 Tea. 2 A-side. 3 Show biz. 4 Olivia. 5 Leslie. 7 Teddy bear. 8 Classical. 12 Mudflap. 14 Impair. 15 Tarmac. 17 Own up. 20 Air.

SOLUTION TOMORROW



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TWO MORE TOP-FLIGHT MATCHES ARE CALLED OFF

By MIKE KEEGAN
Sports News Correspondent

MANCHESTER UNITED'S clash with Leeds and Liverpool's trip to Chelsea have been postponed this weekend, with police resources set to be stretched this weekend ahead of the Queen's funeral on Monday.

Huge crowds are set to flock to London, with a monumental police operation needed in the capital and officers from forces across the country drafted in.

The two high-profile matches, which would have needed a large police presence, have been called off for this reason. Brighton's match with Crystal Palace is also off — though this was already postponed due to train strikes.

Manchester United will now not play a league game until October 2 due to the international break. And the postponed fixtures might not be played until April.

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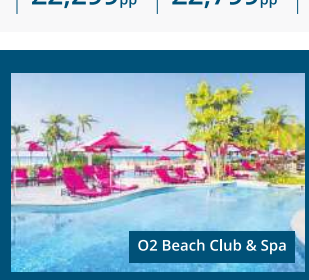
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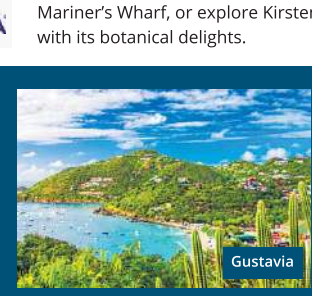
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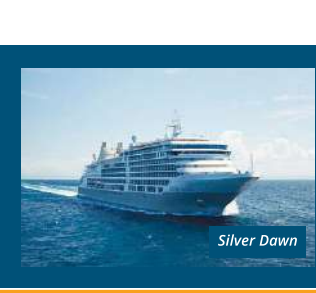
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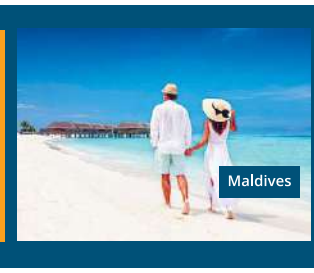
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Hotel Stays

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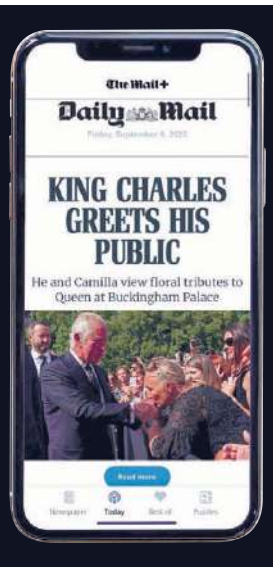
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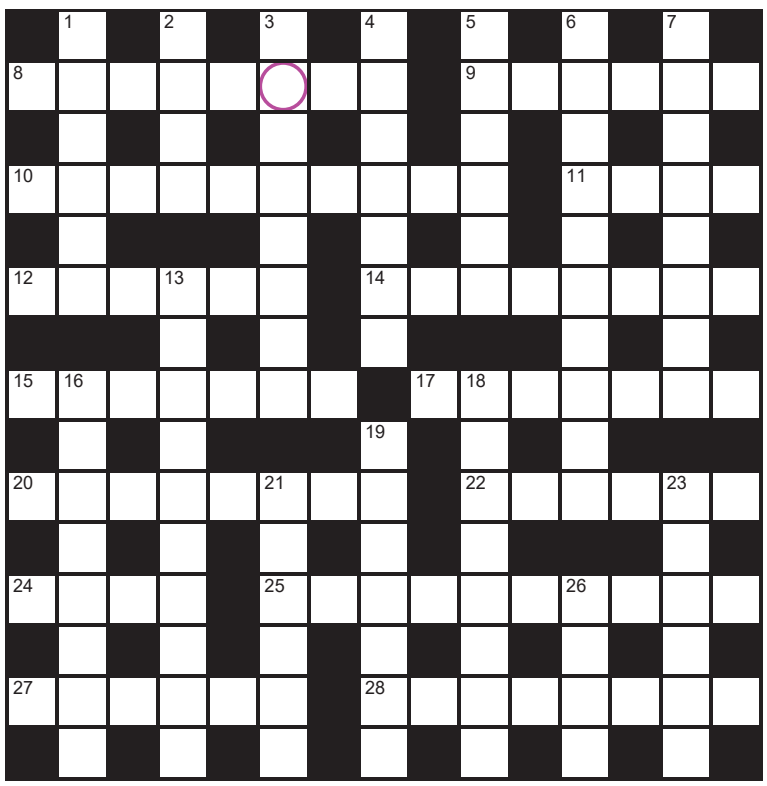
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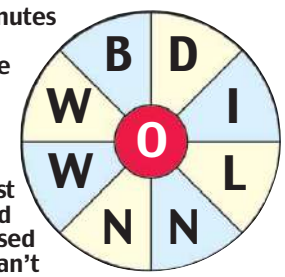
8 A headscarf tied under the chin, traditionally worn by Russian women (8)
9 A state of near-unconsciousness induced by alcohol etc. (6)
10 A woman regarded as the most prominent or venerable member of her profession (6,4)
11 Character in the Marvel Cinematic Universe played by Tom Hiddleston (4)
12 To relax after a period of work or tension (6)
14 Grigori, Siberian mystic who became a court favourite of the family of Tsar Nicholas II (8)
15 A blue-flowered plant of the daisy family whose roots can be used to flavour coffee (7)
17 Nick, the 2022 Wimbledon men's singles runner-up (7)
20 A marine crustacean with an external shell, that attaches itself to rocks and bottoms of boats (8)
22 County cricket club whose badge features the Prince of Wales's feathers (6)
24 ____ interface, software and input devices by which a person interacts with a computer (4)
25 Synth-pop and alternative dance song by New Order, released in 1983 (4,6)
27 Great ____, home in East Sussex of gardener and writer Christopher Lloyd (6)
28 To find out information by enquiring with different people (3,5)

DOWN

1 One who gives financial or other support to a person, organisation or cause (6)
2 Mother's ____, a slang term for gin (4)
3 Piece of office machinery that reduces paper into narrow strands (8)
4 Soldiers who fought on horseback in the past (7)
5 Resources with an economic value that could benefit an individual or company (6)
6 A long, usually folding seat for sitting or lying outdoors in the summer (10)
7 The northernmost of Japan's main islands that includes the city of Sapporo (8)
13 To destroy something, especially waste material, by burning (10)
16 The position of principal teacher in a school (8)
18 Veils concealing the face, except the eyes, worn by some Muslim women in public (8)
19 The action of reading or examining something (7)
21 James, U.S. actor who played the knife expert in the 1960 film The Magnificent Seven (6)
23 ____ Thompson-Herah, Jamaican runner who won the sprint double at the 2016 and 2020 Olympics (6)
26 High ____, term meaning the event that will finally resolve a situation (4)

SOLUTION TOMORROW

WORD WHEEL



YOU have ten minutes to find as many words as possible using the letters in the wheel. Each word must use the hub letter and at least three others, and letters may be used only once. You can't use plurals, foreign words or proper nouns. Verbs ending in 's' permitted. Clue for today's nine-letter word: Acquire little black dress turned inside out — accept dishevelled? RATING: 8 words, average; 12, good; 16, very good; 18 or more, excellent. SOLUTION TOMORROW

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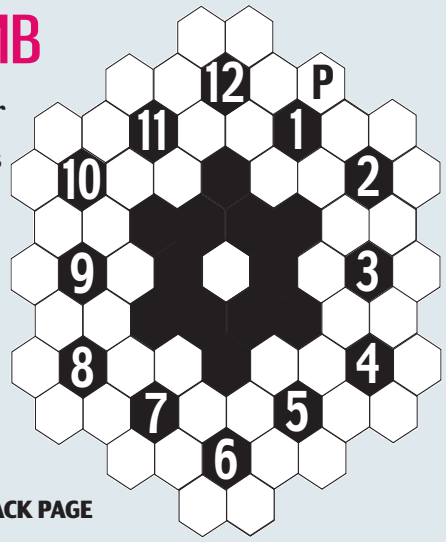
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PUT 1-6 once in each row, column, diagonal (highlighted to form an X) and horizontal 3x2 box (ruled). SOLUTION TOMORROW

HONEYCOMB

ALL the solutions read clockwise around their numbers. The solution to clue number 1 starts from the given letter.

1. Begs
2. Slurs over
3. Remitter
4. Twice
5. Happen
6. Influence
7. Coupon book
8. Share
9. Grunted
10. Martial art
11. Meddle
12. Warehouses

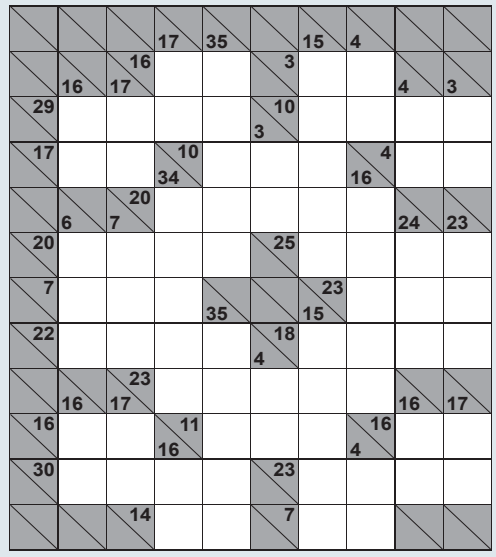


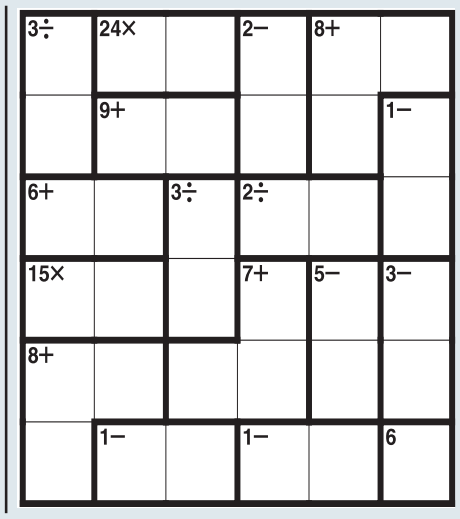
SOLUTION: PULLOUT BACK PAGE

KAKURO

FILL in the blank squares of the grid using only the numbers 1 to 9, without repeating any number in any line of blank squares. The lines must be filled in with numbers which add up to the total in the shaded box at the top or beginning of each line. A number in the bottom half of a shaded box gives a downwards total; in the top half, it's a horizontal total.

SOLUTION TOMORROW





MASTERQUIZ

1. What name is given to celestial objects that exhibit extremely regular beams of radiation, first discovered in 1967?

2. Which Australian-born composer wrote Shepherd's Hey and Handel In The Strand?

3. Which Egyptian village near Luxor is the site of the huge temple complex dedicated to Amun-Re?

4. The preserved heart of which nation's first emperor has been put on display in its owner's home country, to celebrate 200 years of national independence?

5. Which nonvenomous European snake has the Latin name Natrix natrix?

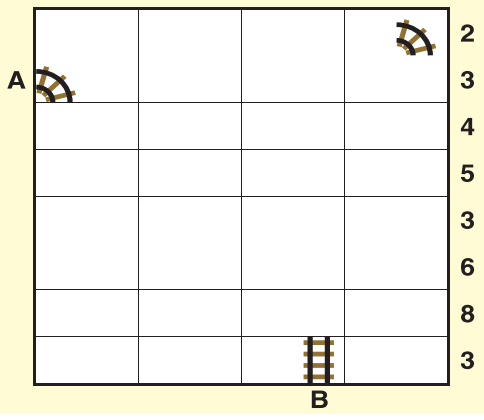
6. Which Dominican monk became Spain's first Grand Inquisitor, and a name synonymous with cruelty and religious intolerance?

SOLUTION: PULLOUT BACK PAGE

TRAIN TRACKS

LAY tracks to enable the train to travel from village A to village B. The numbers indicate how many sections of rail go in each row and column. There are only straight rails and curved rails. The track cannot cross itself.

SOLUTION TOMORROW



MINDBENDER

1. A sum of money is divided up so that Jenny gets four-fifteenths, Gill gets four-ninths, Martinique gets a sixth and Sally gets the remaining £792. How much was the sum of money?

2. What connects Street Of Shame, HP Sauce and Medicine Balls?

3. Which newspaper owner was MR EXTRA BELLOW?

4. Which is the odd one out: Samarkand, Baghdad, Riyadh, Damascus?

5. Crack the code to find three African countries: JHTLYVVU, LAOPVWPH, AHUGHUPH.

SOLUTION: PULLOUT BACK PAGE

PITCHERWITS™

PIT your wits against Pitcherwits — the exciting puzzle where some of the answers are in pictures! The solutions to the visual clues fit into the shaded spaces on the grid.

SOLUTION TOMORROW



1a. Welcome to try and upset the ragbag team! (6,4)



5a. Do they deal in marine fabric? (8)



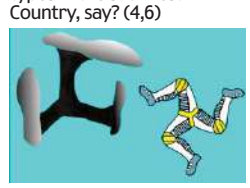
15a. Fishing tackle used to get the villains? (8)



18a. Massive marine types in the sad West Country, say? (4,6)



1d. Supersized Gemini fad that faded out (9)



2d. Squash and slam ant who's often standing (4,3)



8d. Despite an order, the sea goes up and down less! (4,5)



10d. Bloomer, if such a mistake is made (7)

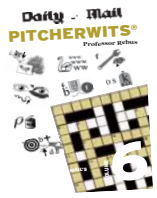
ACROSS
1 Picture Clue
5 Picture Clue
9 Nothing the North won't rework (4)
10 Assemblies are in favour of middleman (4)
11 Dialogue log-off turns out to be a final farewell (5)
12 This club will lead on the Greens (4)
14 It's honorific to croon away and create a sound system (2-2)
15 Picture Clue
18 Picture Clue

DOWN
1 Picture Clue
2 Picture Clue
3 Get a potter from a line, so to speak? (3)
4 We have no middle ground in sorrow (3)
6 Funny old American Ball leader? (7)
7 Talking of cows, that medic has none (3)
8 Picture Clue
10 Picture Clue
13 Openings found back around the back edge (3)
16 Wipe the catch? (3)
17 Born, before in the wedding announcement? (3)



YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION — ACROSS: 1 Equivalence. 5 Tax band. 7 Cycad. 8 Elfin. 9 Spool. 11 Tease. 12 Fine art. 13 Extenuating. **DOWN:** 1 Exercisable. 2 Vexed. 3 Leave. 4 Engineering. 5 Tick off. 6 Defiant. 10 Linen. 11 Tiara.

PITCHERWITS BOOK



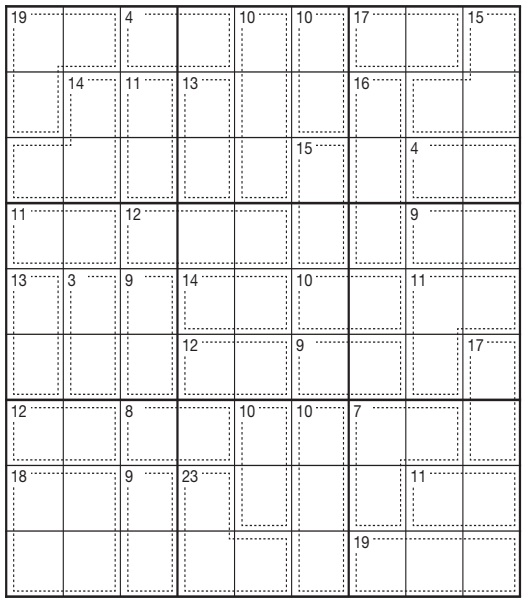
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KILLER SUDOKU

FILL in squares in the grid so each row, column and each 3x3 square contains all digits from 1 to 9. Each set of cells joined by dotted lines must add up to the number in the top-left corner. Numbers can't be repeated within each set of cells.

SOLUTION TOMORROW

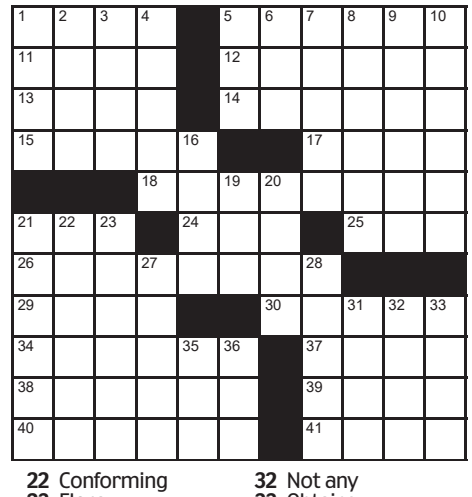
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MAILWORD NEW

ACROSS
1 Sleeping
5 Term of affection
11 Hearty laugh
12 Dawn goddess
13 Roman emperor
14 Navigates
15 Deck
17 Datum
18 Leech
21 Significant individual
24 Obstacle
25 Scoundrel
26 Photographer's device
29 East European
30 Entity
34 Muscular
37 Reed instrument
38 Starter course
39 Impact mark
40 Reduce
41 Hatchets

DOWN
1 Italian river
2 South African of Dutch descent
3 James --- Jones, U.S. actor
4 Sag
5 Ballet step
6 Unfashionable
7 Push lightly
8 Lyrical
9 Literary typos
10 Sampled
16 Young salmon
19 Floor covering
20 Criminally assist
21 Container
22 Conforming
23 Flora
27 Asserts
28 Girl's name
31 Mountain goat
32 Not any
33 Obtains
35 Diminutive
36 Asian unit of currency



SOLUTION TOMORROW

QUICK QUIZ

1. With which sport is Mike Gatting associated?

2. What nationality was the psychoanalyst Carl Jung?

3. The James Webb Space Telescope recently revealed unprecedented infrared images of which planet?

4. Russian ballet dancer Olga Khokhlova was the first wife of which Spanish painter?

5. What is spondulix a slang name for?

SOLUTION: PULLOUT BACK PAGE

KENKEN

EACH row and column should contain 1 to 6 without repeats. Numbers in cages must combine to produce the target number shown at start of that cage using, in any order, the mathematical sign given. Single-box cages can be filled with the number given.

SOLUTION TOMORROW

	S	S	R	
O				C
G				E
E				D
	T	K	N	

POSTERIOR

NINE TO FIVE

FIT the scrambled letters of the given word into the grid to form six five-letter words across and down.

SOLUTION TOMORROW

WORLD'S SMALLEST, HARDEST CROSSWORD

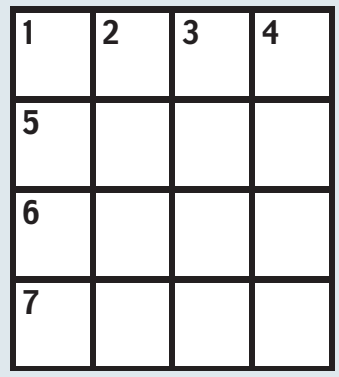
ACROSS

1. A grand (sl) (4)
5. Vacations (inf) (4)
6. String of pearls (4)
7. Newspaper opinion piece (2-2)

DOWN

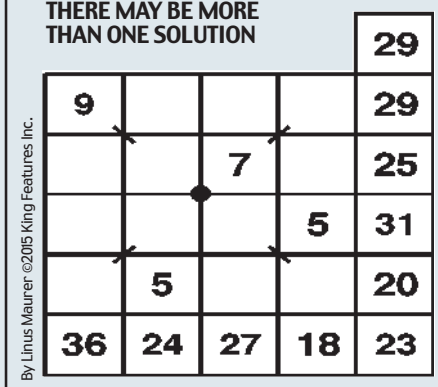
1. Via, poetically (4)
2. Circular band (4)
3. Ancient jug (4)
4. Not as new (4)

SOLUTION TOMORROW



CROSS NUMBER

THERE MAY BE MORE THAN ONE SOLUTION



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FILL each square with a number, 1 to 9. Horizontal squares add up to totals on right. Vertical squares add up to totals on bottom. Diagonal squares through centre add up to totals in top and bottom right.

Today's challenge time: **8** mins **7** secs | Your working time: ☐ mins ☐ secs

SOLUTION TOMORROW

CODEWORD

WIN £750

EACH number in our Codeword grid represents a different letter of the alphabet. Today 17 represents P, so fill in P every time the figure 17 appears. You have two letters in the control grid to start you off. Enter them in the appropriate squares in the main grid, then use your knowledge of words to work out which letters should go in the missing squares. SOLUTION TOMORROW

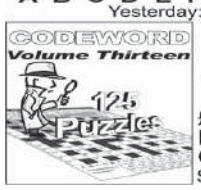
COMPLETE Codeword to reveal the word in the shaded boxes.
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1	2	3	■	4	1	5	■	6	1	7	8	1	1	14
3	■	9	■	■	■	4	■	9	■	9	■	10	2	15
9	7	8	9	■	5	3	1	11	3	1	10	12	3	16
10	■	2	■	12	■	13	■	2	■	14	■	2	4	17 P
1	8	8	4	3	12	15	9	10	12	■	■	16	5	18
■	■	12	■	2	■	8	■	■	■	12	■	13	6	19
17	3	4	12	4	10	■	6	3	4	18	8	9	7	20
4	■	3	■	■	■	19	■	4	■	9	■	■	8	21
17	■	■	1	20	21	13	8	12	15	9	10	12	9	22 C
22	■	8	■	3	■	15	■	9	■	23	■	1	10	23
4	3	12	19	4	20	4	24	■	25	9	1	7	11	24
3	■	1	■	10	■	13	■	■	■	3	■	7	12	25
10	4	6	7	9	■	3	1	26	■	8	1	26	13	26

A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z

Yesterday:

1 R	2 E	3 G	4 A	5 T	6 H	7 D	8 I	9 S	10 U	11 N	12 W	13 O
14 M	15 Y	16 X	17 V	18 P	19 Z	20 F	21 B	22 L	23 C	24 Q	25 K	26 J



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SCRABBLE® BRAND GRAMS

The board on the right shows four rows of letters from a typical Scrabble game. Use each row to form a word of 2-7 letters and write it in the blank squares provided. Then add up the score for each row. Don't forget to use the double and triple word and letter scores — and add a 50-point bonus for every 7-letter word. Blank tiles can be used for any letter but have no score. See tomorrow's paper for the solution.

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							Double Word Score	RACK 1
E1	S1	A1	E1	U1	R1	R1		
								RACK 2
P3	S1	O1	S1	M3	U1	U1		
							Triple Score on 5th Letter	RACK 3
A1	A1	E1	Y4	M3	A1	L1		
							Triple Word Score	RACK 4
I1	T1	R1	D2	L1	E1	F4		

PAR SCORE 145-155 by JUDD

FOUR RACK TOTAL TIME LIMIT: 20 MIN

Yesterday's solution: CLANKS 12 DEAFEN 20 FEATHER 67 CHOPINS 70 JUDD'S TOTAL: 169

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Z	T	U	T	V	Y	N	H	H
T	V	I	N	N	Y	X	J	W
O	R	D	E	R	W	A	N	A
Y	P	S	C	A	A	C	K	D
W	P	I	P	J	L	A	Y	K
P	M	S	H	K	K	P	B	C
X	Y	L	I	S	P	O	T	E
G	I	H	V	O	Y	F	L	Q
O	C	H	P	Z	U	A	X	S
D	J	V	C	E	T	T	K	M
G	N	I	D	L	I	U	B	Q

WORD SEARCH

WIN £500

THE listed words can all be found in the grid — running forwards, backwards, up, down and diagonally — EXCEPT ONE. For a chance to win, discover which word from the list can't be found in the Word Search.

BOY	ORDER
BUILDING	POPPY
DRINK	SHIP
INN	TALE
OIL	WALK

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	9	41	42	43				
			7					
11		■	■					
	13	■		46	1	34		
15					■	35		
16	18			■	■	30		
	19	21	26		29			
		22		27				

HIDATO

COMPLETE the grid so that all the numbers, 1 to 46, connect consecutively — horizontally, vertically or diagonally. Hint: you don't have to begin with 1 or 46. Working on the mid-numbers might give you a better start. SOLUTION TOMORROW

NAME GAME

HIDDEN in the grid is the name of an actor. Answer the questions, then rearrange the letters corresponding to your answers to fill in the name. SOLUTION TOMORROW

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9

				■				

BOX 1: Hugh Grant (pictured) played which TV favourite in a 1999 charity TV special?
Poirot (C)
Fonzie (T)
The Doctor (R)

BOX 2: Daniel Radcliffe plays which cult American musician in a 2022 biopic?
Jerry Garcia (G)
'Weird Al' Yankovic (A)
Frank Zappa (W)

BOX 3: Alex Yee won Commonwealth gold in which individual event in 2022?
Javelin throw (H)
Triathlon (S)
400m hurdles (U)

BOX 4: Which pop star is in 2022's Strictly Come Dancing line-up?
Simon Le Bon (T)
Limahl (E)
Matt Goss (H)

BOX 5: U.S. author Rick Riordan created which of these children's literary characters?
Tracy Beaker (S)
Nancy Drew (D)
Percy Jackson (I)

BOX 6: A cockade of ribbons is normally worn on which clothing item?
A military jacket (R)
A hat (N)
A shoe (O)

BOX 7: What is the capital city of Mississippi?
Jackson (F)
Biloxi (A)
Southaven (V)

BOX 8: Which quiz show is hosted by Victoria Coren Mitchell?
Mastermind (E)
Only Connect (Y)
Pointless (X)

BOX 9: Seve Ballesteros was a world No. 1 in which sport?
Tennis (D)
Formula One (A)
Golf (S)

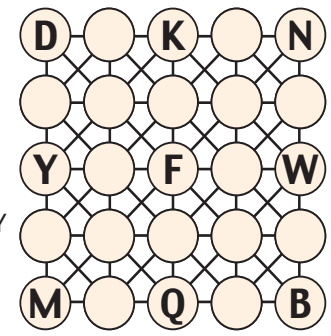


Yesterday's answer: **SETH ROGEN** (1S, 2H, 3O, 4N, 5R, 6E, 7G, 8T, 9E).

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GOGEN

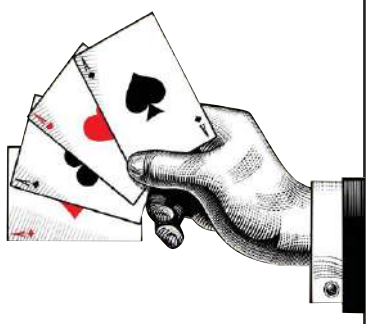
BUXOM
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VIA
WICKEDLY



A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y

INSERT letters to form listed words, moving between adjacent cells horizontally, vertically or diagonally in any direction. Insert all remaining letters of the alphabet (except Z) in the grid so all listed words are spelt out. SOLUTION TOMORROW

BRIDGE MASTERCLASS



♠ A J 7 3
♥ A 10 8
♦ A 7 6
♣ J 10 9

YOU deal and open 1NT (12-14 points), to which your partner responds 3♠. What do you rebid?

OBVIOUSLY, you are delighted if your partner wants to play in spades. However, you don't know precisely how strong he is for his force, though you do know that you have a maximum 1NT, good intermediates and three first-round controls, all of which may add up to a slam.

Bid 4♦, an 'advance cue bid' which, because it takes the auction beyond the 3NT level, must be understood by your partner as accepting at least a 4♠ contract. Thus it agrees spades as trumps by inference, and says that you are willing to hear a further effort on his part.

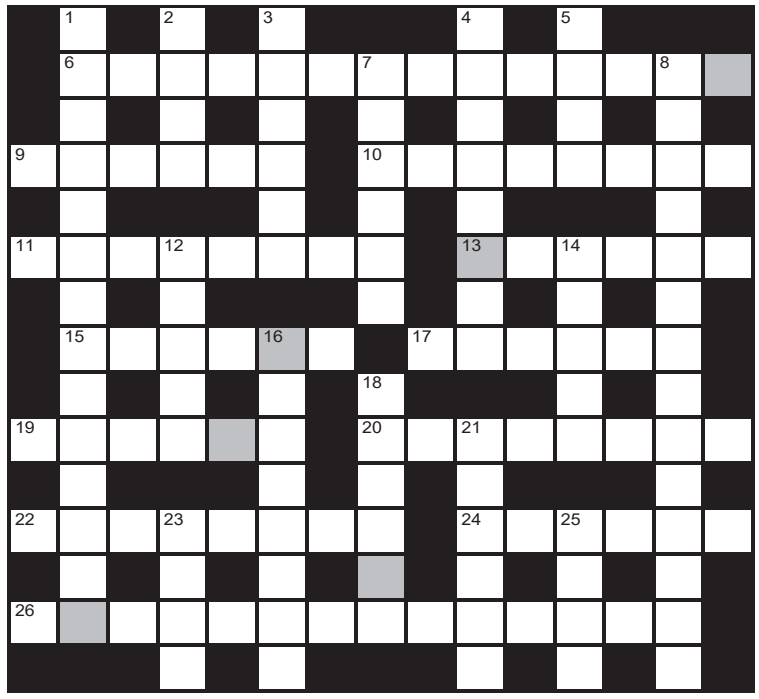
This is the actual hand that was facing responder yesterday. He next cue bid 5♣ and opener went direct to 6♠, with 13 tricks being made when the club finesse succeeded.

PETER DONOVAN

CRYPTIC CROSSWORD

WIN £500

No 16,923



FOR your chance to win, solve the crossword to reveal the word reading down the shaded boxes. **HOW TO ENTER:** Call **0901 293 6233** and leave today's answer and your details, or **TEXT 65700** with the word **CRYPTIC**, your answer and your name. Texts and calls cost £1 plus standard network charges. Or enter by post by sending completed crossword to Daily Mail Prize Crossword 16,923, PO Box 28, Colchester, Essex CO2 8GF. Please include your name and address. One weekly winner chosen from all correct daily entries received between 00.01 Monday and 23.59 Friday. Postal entries must be date-stamped no later than the following day to qualify. Calls/texts must be received by 23.59; answers change at 00.01. UK residents aged 18+, excl NI. Terms apply, see Page 56.

ACROSS

6 Quirky wedding beside a lake surrounding nunnery (14)
9 Lay at first in bed mostly the worse for wear (6)
10 Suppress the short races in part (8)
11 Men only put in reduced bid behind the scenes (8)
13 I have something to eat after duck (6)
15 One's knackered touring Australia? Take a nap (6)
17 Funny story about English aphrodisiac? (6)
19 Seize someone's bed containing genetic material (6)
20 A metaphor is meant to comprise a pithy expression (8)
22 Offensive articles by graduate (8)
24 One participates in beam as fit as a fiddle, say (6)
26 Papers I study with Italian recalled tale about American (14)

DOWN

1 Flashy and loud with fine bust, like figure-hugging clothing (5,9)
2 Racecourse bans a Glaswegian perhaps (4)
3 Wool supplier's new in Athens marketplace (6)
4 Cultivate tiny tree for donkey's years (8)
5 Mail initially stuffed in pocket (4)
7 European runs into upset judge (6)
8 Sport I'll win with strangle potentially? (3-2,9)
12 Small instrument, like 3 (5)
14 Decide to dispense with mine that's put off (5)
16 An unknown number of people managed to ignore old popular flyer (8)
18 Trip to see game in South Africa arranged to bypass Cape (6)
21 Cavalryman originally had one in Russia formerly (6)
23 Savour endless dance (4)
25 Bloke hides one water-carrier (4)

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SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S PUZZLES

SUDOKU

5	4	9	2	7	8	6	1	3
2	3	1	9	5	6	4	8	7
7	6	8	4	3	1	5	9	2
3	9	6	5	8	2	1	7	4
4	7	5	1	9	3	8	2	6
1	8	2	7	6	4	3	5	9
8	1	3	6	2	9	7	4	5
6	2	7	8	4	5	9	3	1
9	5	4	3	1	7	2	6	8

8	3	4	5	1	7	6	9	2
5	6	7	2	4	9	8	3	1
9	2	1	3	6	8	5	4	7
6	8	3	9	7	2	4	1	5
1	4	9	6	3	5	2	7	8
7	5	2	1	8	4	3	6	9
3	9	6	8	5	1	7	2	4
4	1	5	7	2	6	9	8	3
2	7	8	4	9	3	1	5	6

PRIZE SUDOKU

6	4	3	1	9	7	5	8	2
5	7	9	6	2	8	3	4	1
8	2	1	5	3	4	9	7	6
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9	8	6	2	4	3	1	5	7
7	9	8	3	5	1	6	2	4
3	6	4	9	8	2	7	1	5
1	5	2	4	7	6	8	9	3

WORD SEARCH
Missing: FUSE

X	J	D	C	E	L	L	D	T	S					
W	N	L	W	B	J	N	H	N						
R	E	T	E	M	M	A	E	V						
F	X	F	Y	E	H	E	R	O						
H	W	M	V	Z	R	O	M	L						
D	P	N	P	I	U	S	I	T						
V	S	M	W	O	W	E	S	M						
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Z	U	C	T	L	V	E	O	T						
L	G	C	G	L	E	D	R	E						
R	H	E	O	S	T	A	T	R						

HIDATO

	7	13	5	4	2	
8	12	6	14	36	3	1
11	9	16	15	35	37	39
10		19	17	34		38
		18	20	33		
	22	21	27	32	31	
23	24	25	26	28	29	30

KAKURO

8	6		2	5	1	
9	4	8	3	1	2	
	8	9	6		1	4
4	2	6	1		7	9
1	3		3	2	7	4
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	5	6	1	2		
		9	7		5	7
6	8	7			6	9
9	7		4	1	2	

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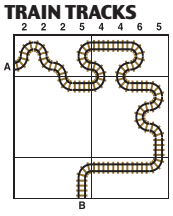
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TRAIN TRACKS



KENKEN

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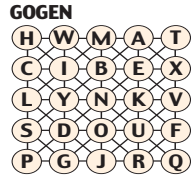
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KILLER SUDOKU

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WORD WHEEL: aced, acerb, acre, acred, arced, barbecue, **barbecued**, brace, braced, cabbed, caber, cade, cadre, carb, card, care, cared, cedar, cede, ceder, cere, cered, crab, crabbed, cred, creed, crud, crude, cubbed, cube, cubeb, cubed, cuber, cudbear, cued, curb, curbed, curd, cure, cured, dace, decare, deuce, duce, ecru, educe, race, raced, rebec, reduce.
GENERAL KNOWLEDGE CROSSWORD
ACROSS: 5 Church. 7 Palatial. 9 Plectrum. 10 Asprey. 11 The Buzzcocks. 13 Bo Peep. 15 To date. 18 Indian * summer. 21 Rowing. 22 Feldspar. 23 Premiere. 24 Oliver!.
DOWN: 1 Crucible. 2 Shiraz. 3 Clear-cut. 4 Stopes. 6 Hula hoop. 7 Pumice. 8 Axel. 12 Steerage. 14 Pedigree. 16 Domestic. 17 Baffle. 18 Idioms. 19 Salmon. 20 Four.

CRYPTIC CROSSWORD No. 16,920
ACROSS: 1 Puerto Rican. 9 Elevate. 10 Manx cat. 11 Una. 12 Bus stop. 13 Nest egg. 14 Loo. 15 Dingo. 17 Aorta. 18 Cuffs. 20 Sweep. 22 Eye. 24 Verbena. 25 Helical. 26 Lea. 27 Running. 28 Various. 29 Efficacious.
DOWN: 1 Press conference. 2 Exalted. 3 Tie-up. 4 Roman nose. 5 Canasta. 6 Nuclear reactors. 7 Verbal. 8 Stigma. 16 Nostalgic. 18 Covert. 19 Sheriff. 21 Palermo. 23 Enlist. 25 Havoc.

MAILWORD
ACROSS: 1 Crop. 5 Dad. 8 Leah. 9 Blair. 11 Potty. 12 Yummy. 13 Assesses. 15 Rein in. 16 Hers. 20 Tun. 21 Cab. 23 Dew. 24 Spar. 26 Recipe. 28 Ill-fated. 30 Phase. 33 Amine. 34 Ailed. 35 Lent. 36 Web. 37 Logs.
DOWN: 1 Close-up. 2 Retsina. 3 Oaten. 4 Physic. 5 Dam. 6 Aim. 7 Dry. 9 Bye. 10 Lush. 11 Parts. 14 Snarl. 17 Editing. 18 Repents. 19 Swede. 22 Befall. 25 Rise. 27 Cameo. 29 Led. 30 Paw. 31 Hie. 32 Alb.

SMALLEST, HARDEST CROSSWORD — ACROSS: 1 Ploy. 4 ID. 5 Aa. 6 Pith. **DOWN:** 1 Pimp. 2 LD. 3 Yeah. 5 At.

SOLUTIONS TO TODAY'S PUZZLES

QUICK QUIZ:
1 Cricket. 2 Swiss. 3 Jupiter. 4 Pablo Picasso. 5 Money.

MINDBENDER: 1 £6,480. 2 They are all regular features in Private Eye. 3 Robert Maxwell. 4 Riyadh; the others were on the Silk Road. 5 Cameroon, Ethiopia, Tanzania (A becomes T, B becomes U, etc).

MASTERQUIZ:
1 Pulsars. 2 Percy Grainger. 3 Karnak. 4 Brazil. 5 Grass snake. 6 Tomas de Torquemada.

HONEYCOMB:
1 Pleads. 2 Elides. 3 Sender. 4 Double. 5 Befall. 6 Affect. 7 Carnet. 8 Ration. 9 Oinked. 10 Karate. 11 Tamper. 12 Depots.

KUROSU:

O	X	O	X	O	X
O	X	X	O	X	O
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30-SECOND CHALLENGE: Beginner: 54. Intermediate: 380. Advanced: 192.

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START on left with number given and follow instructions as you go across. In 30 seconds, beginners have to complete their own challenge; intermediates have to complete their own challenge and the beginner's; advanced players have to complete their own challenge and the intermediate's. SOLUTION BELOW

											YOUR ANSWERS
Beginner	92	+18	÷11	TIMES ITSELF	-4	÷6	×4	+8	÷4	×3	
Intermediate	64	×25	10% OF IT	-6	9/14 OF IT	×3	-50	2/13 OF IT	×15	2/3 OF IT	
Advanced	44	×2 3/11	1000% OF IT	13/40 OF IT	PLUS 20%	-6	12 ½% OF IT	19/57 OF IT	TIMES ITSELF	75% OF IT	

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